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Iraq should be credited for ceasefire: Saddam

UN observers visit war front

BAGHDAD, Aug 14, (Agencies): UN military observers surveyed Iran-Iraq battlefields today to pave the way for a formal ceasefire to go into effect in six days' time.

A diplomat said the five members of an advance unit which arrived in Baghdad on Tuesday split up to visit different sectors of the 1,200-km (740-mile) front, which ranges from rugged mountains in the north to marshes in the south.

Visited

A dozen men from Canada's 88th Signals Squadron were due to arrive after midnight, the first of 485 Canadians who will set up communications for the 350-man UN Iran-Iraq Military

Observers Group (UNITMOG). Thirteen Canadian observers were expected to fly in tomorrow and 50 from the signals unit on Tuesday, but no date has been set for the arrival of the main body, the diplomat said.

Meanwhile, the Presidents of Iran and Iraq visited troops along the war front.

As an unofficial truce along the border held for a seventh day, Tehran Radio said Iranian President Ali Khamenei visited troops in the southern sector of the front and warned them of "the need to stay alert."

In Iraq, President Saddam Hussein visited troops in Diyala province, in the central sector of the front, and later unexpectedly dropped by in villages in the area, officials in Baghdad said.

Saddam said Iraq, not Iran, should be credited for the ceasefire and called on his people to redouble their efforts for the reconstruction of post-war Iraq.

Advance

The officials said they expected contingents of UN peace observers to begin arriving in Baghdad tomorrow.

In Dhaka, Mohsin Ali, Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh, said Austria, Bangladesh, Canada, Denmark, Hungary, Indonesia, Ireland, Malaysia, Norway, Poland, Senegal and Zambia will comprise

the 12-nation group to monitor ceasefire from the Iraqi side while Argentina, Australia, Finland, Ghana, India, Italy, Kenya, New Zealand, Nigeria, Sweden, Turkey and Yugoslavia will be posted on Iranian side.

UNITMOG plans to set up main bases in Iraq at Kirkuk in the north, Baghdad in the centre and Basra in the south, the diplomat said. Ten observer units would be attached to each base, with three or four observers in each unit.

The United Nations has had little time to get the observers to the war front since Secretary-General Perez de Cuellar set the ceasefire date six days ago, but the Finnish commander of the five-man advance group was confident it could be done.

"They (the observers) will all be here by Aug 20," Lieutenant General Yrjo Helanen said.

Yugoslav Major General Slavko Jovic will command the contingents.

Iran said today it had agreed that prisoners of war should be exchanged with Iraq within three months of the formal ceasefire.

The Iranian news agency IRNA, quoted Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Larjani as saying Tehran had approved a proposal to this effect by Perez de Cuellar.

The UAE newspaper Khaleej

Times said the Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank was "ready to finance reconstruction projects in Iran and Iraq" after peace sets in. UAE President Sheikh Zayed has repeatedly proposed over the past few months that the Gulf Arab states should make donations of several billion dollars to both Iran and Iraq to help them rebuild their war-torn areas and industries.

Velayati

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, on a tour of Middle East states arrived in Tripoli today for talks with Libyan leaders about the UN-sponsored ceasefire.

The official Libyan news agency JANA, quoted him as saying his visit came within "the framework of discussing the latest developments in the Gulf."

Velayati arrived in Libya from Damascus where he delivered a letter from Iranian President Ali Khamenei to Syrian President Hafez Al Assad.

The official Syrian news agency SANA did not reveal its contents but said: "President Assad listened to an explanation from Velayati on the ongoing contacts to implement Security Council Resolution 598."

Bangladesh's President, Hussein Mohammad Ershad welcomed the announcement of a firm date for ceasefire.



Sheikh Nawaf

Congress will approve F-18 deal: Nawaf

DEFENCE MINISTER Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed has been quoted as saying that the US Congress would approve a compromise \$1.9-billion arms deal with Kuwait.

Sheikh Nawaf told a local daily the sale, modified to curb opposition within Congress, still met Kuwait's needs.

"The deal will go through without complications from Congress after minor modifications were introduced," he said. Sheikh Nawaf added that the changes would not affect the capability of the weapons.

Targets

The original deal included 40 F-18 warplanes, 200 model D anti-tank Maverick missiles and 100 Maverick G missiles intended for use against larger targets like warships.

Some congressmen fear the weapons could be used against Israel and the US Senate in July voted 75-15 for an amendment to axe the 300 Mavericks from the package.

But a compromise was reached to sell 300 Maverick G missiles instead. Kuwait also gave an assurance it would not base the F-18s outside its territory or extend their range with aerial refuelling equipment.

Independence Day observed

Zia favours partyless Pakistani Parliament

ISLAMABAD, Aug 14, (Reuters): President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq favours banning political parties from the Pakistani Parliament, a newspaper today quoted him as saying.

The military leader, who has already banned parties from contesting the national elections on Nov 16, said the non-party system should be pushed to its logical conclusion, the Lahore daily The Nation said.

Zia said he foresaw a system whereby parliamentary committees played a major role and he cited Turkey and Sri Lanka as examples.

Denounced

He did not spell out his ideas in detail, but his latest suggestion apparently contradicts previous assertions that deputies elected in November would be free to form whatever groupings they wanted in the new Parliament.

Benazir Bhutto and other opposition leaders have denounced the holding of non-party elections as a bid by the Army chief to maintain his 11-year-old

grip on power. Most opposition parties have joined together in an alliance to try to force Zia out of office.

The paper quoted Zia as saying in the interview, published on Pakistan's Independence Day, that there was no possibility of re-imposing martial law. He seized power in a coup in 1977 and ruled through martial law for more than eight years.

Imposed

Zia dissolved the government, headed by Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo, on May 29, alleging it had allowed corruption and a breakdown in law and order.

Junejo, meanwhile, resisted attempts to remove him from the presidency of the Pakistan Muslim League meeting in Islamabad on Saturday.

Delegates from rival factions traded punches, broke furniture and disrupted the meeting with slogan-chanting.

Zia today presided over a flag-raising ceremony outside the

presidential palace in a steady downpour as the nation celebrated the anniversary of its independence from Britain in 1947.

In a speech, Zia said, in keeping with the sharia law imposed in June, he will introduce Islamic system of adal and chsan (justice and benevolence) before the Nov 16 general elections.

Gun salutes, flag waving and ceremonies marked the Independence Day, but the hoopla died down in observance of the Muslim new year.

Officials said there would be no fireworks displays or coloured lights on public buildings this time because of the start of Muharram, the first month of the Hijra year 1409.

Zia conferred civil awards on 41 Pakistanis and 17 foreigners, including former US Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger, US Rep. Charles Wilson, US Sen. Charles Percy, former UN Under Secretary-General Diego Cordovez and Indian ex-Prime Minister Morarji Desai.

Threat to sabotage Lebanese election

BEIRUT, Aug 14, (Reuters): A Christian leader threatened today to sabotage the election of a new Lebanese President by agitating Christian and Muslim members of a Parliament elected in 1972.

Parliamentary Speaker Hussein Husseini said yesterday the house would convene next Thursday to elect a successor to President Amin Gemayel for a single six-year term.

Confront

Syria, the main foreign power broker in the Lebanon, and the United States have made intensive efforts to ensure a smooth election by finding a candidate acceptable to all sides in the faction-torn country.

But Christian Phalange Party leader George Saadeh was quoted in Al Anwar newspaper as saying that Christians were

ready to sabotage the election "if a new President is forced on us."

The Christian Lebanese Forces (LF) militia said on Thursday it had mobilised its security and political apparatus to confront the possible election of former President Suleiman Franjeh, an ally of Syria.

Franjeh has not said officially whether he is a candidate. Pro-Syrian Muslim political sources said he was likely to delay his announcement until the last minute to prevent major disruptions by Christians.

"His nomination would mean the Christians would take severe measures to prevent his election, so the situation will deteriorate. That is why he is waiting until the last minute," said one source.

A top Christian leader said (Continued on Page 2)

People told to collect Civil IDs by year end

CIVIL Identification Cards issued to citizens and expatriates will soon become the only official accepted identification.

The director general of the Public Authority for Civil Information, Faisal Al Shajeyi, warned yesterday that those who have not enrolled in the civil information system have up to the end of this year to do so.

Beginning next year, appropriate fines for violations will be enforced, he said.

Planning

Al Shajeyi said that the authority is planning to "set up offices for registration and delivering the Civil IDs in all the four governorates and on Faialaka Island. So far, 2.5 million IDs have been issued and the system is well known all over the world. The system is aimed at serving the best interests of the public, he said.

Commenting on the mistakes on some Civil IDs the official blamed the public for supplying wrong information. However, he admitted that other mistakes could be attributed to the fact that 15 million documents have been collected from the public. The Civil ID system is the first of its kind in Kuwait.

He stressed that the authority has overcome most of its problems and is speeding up its deliveries and completing over 10,000 IDs per day.

Advised

He advised holders of IDs without a blood group to have them changed by the authority.

If people send all the necessary documents, renewals will be completed within a week, he said. People can now report by telephone about their IDs because employees speak several languages, he said.

This service is provided by the authority's information centre which also telephones people and asks them to renew their IDs.

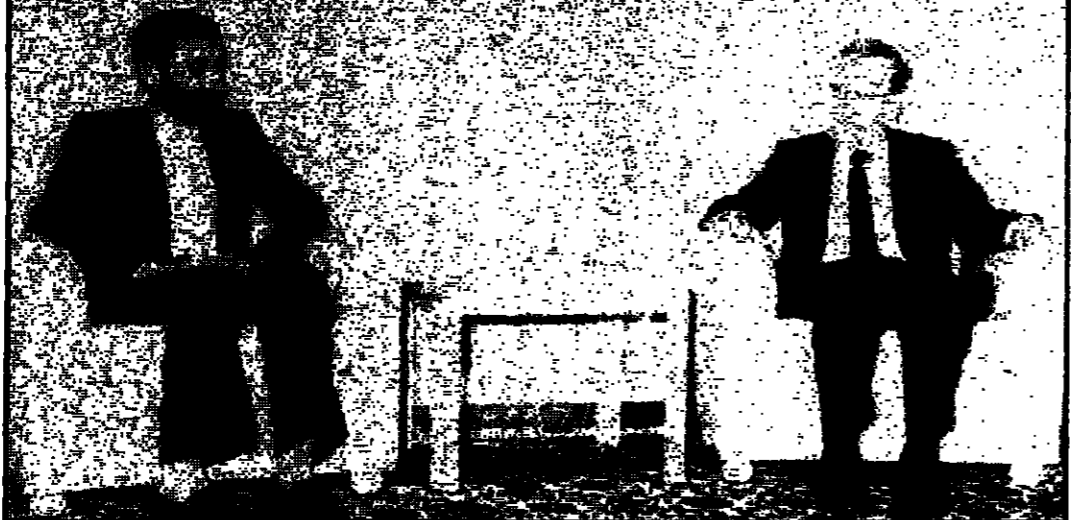
Seven dead in Quetta riots

QUETTA, Aug 14, (AP): Seven people were killed and more than a dozen injured in riots yesterday as police tried to impose an indefinite curfew on this arid provincial capital following a dispute by transport drivers, hospital sources and eye witnesses said.

The city wide rioting was triggered by a dispute between bus and truck drivers of the desert Baluchi people and the mountain-dwelling Pathans over the most lucrative routes.

Transport workers clashed early last morning at the city's main bus station, witnesses said.

"Both groups opened gun-fire on each other, which sparked off the rioting," said Mir Zafarullah Khan Jamali, Chief Minister of Baluchistan province, of which Quetta is the capital.



Velayati (left) in talks with Assad in Damascus. (Reuters wirephoto)

'Gulf war could have ended sooner'

NICOSIA, Aug 14, (Reuters): The Gulf war would have ended sooner if Muslim countries had put pressure on Iraq, Iranian war supreme Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani told a visiting Omani minister in Tehran.

The Iranian national news agency IRNA said Rafsanjani told Oman's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Yousef Bin Alawi yesterday: "The Iraqi-imposed war would have ended much sooner if Muslim states had pressured the Baghdad regime to state its reasons for imposing the war on the Islamic republic," Rafsanjani said.

IRNA also quoted Rafsanjani as saying some Gulf states adopted unjust stands in the eight-year-long war. But he added that Oman's stand was just.

Oman, lying just across the Strait of Hormuz from Iran, maintained good relations with both sides during the past eight years, unlike some Gulf states which openly backed Baghdad.

Withdrawal by attrition US Navy cutting back its Gulf force

MANAMA, Bahrain, Aug 14, (AP): The US Navy has begun cutting back its Gulf force by dropping plans to send another sophisticated cruiser to the region and taking a second look at the planned deployment of four other ships.

US military sources said the moves indicate that senior American officials are confident that an Aug 20 ceasefire between Iraq and Iraq will succeed, clearing the way for a promised reduction of the American naval commitment in the region.

By a process of attrition, the 27-ship force could be trimmed considerably by the end of October, the sources said, although probably not to the level of "three, four or five ships" mentioned by Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci in a statement this past week.

Mines

To bring it to that size — about where it was last year when the American naval buildup began — would mean removing the 11-ship carrier battle group in the Arabian Sea and almost two-thirds of the 16 ships now in the Gulf.

Six of the latter are mine-sweepers, whose presence may be required indefinitely, according to senior US officials.

First word of the drawdown came when Navy sources disclosed that the scheduled departure of the Aegis-type cruiser

Mobile Bay from its home port at Mayport, Florida, was being "temporarily postponed."

Pentagon spokesmen said the 9,600-ton Mobile Bay, which had been marked to replace its sister ship Vincennes in the Gulf region, would remain in the United States while US officials re-evaluated the situation in the waterway.

The Navy board investigating the Vincennes' port most of the blame for shooting down an Iranian jetliner on human errors committed by the ship's operations officer, the Washington Post has reported.

The newspaper said the board's 1,000-page report, being read this weekend by Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. William Crowe Jr., places most of the blame on an unnamed operations officer, but does not explain how he misinterpreted information presented by the Vincennes' high-tech radar and analysis gear.

The Navy board recommends a letter of reprimand to the operations officer that would not become part of his official personnel file, military officials told the post.

"There is nothing on this officially," a Pentagon spokesman said "the investigation has not been completed yet. As soon as it is we will have our two cents worth." Navy Cmdr. Mel Sundin said.

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Meanwhile, Japan condemned the deportation of eight more Palestinians by Israel from the occupied territories to southern Lebanon. A Japanese Foreign Ministry official said the expulsions defy UN Security Council resolutions, and make the situation in the occupied territories still worse.

مسلم بن الحجاج

Burmese call for trial of Sein Lwin

BANGKOK, Aug 14, (AP): Anti-government groups in Burma have called for nationwide demonstrations tomorrow to demand that ousted President Sein Lwin be tried in court and political prisoners be released.

Japan's Kyodo news agency reported today from the Burmese capital.

China's Xinhua news agency also reported from Rangoon that the situation there was calm this morning. Other reports said shops and government offices reopened yesterday as normal life resumed in the riot-scarred capital.

Kyodo said the anti-government groups called for more protests as they rallied in major cities yesterday to celebrate the departure of Sein Lwin.

Sein Lwin resigned Friday as President of the country and head of the ruling party after four days of massive street demonstrations that by official count left at least 95 people dead.

Kyodo said the groups also were demanding the government pay compensation to families of those killed in the protests, during which security forces repeatedly fired to disperse crowds.

A Western diplomat reached in Rangoon told the Associated Press that students were passing out leaflets calling for pro-

democracy demonstrations after achieving their main aim of ousting Sein Lwin. The former general was widely hated for brutally crushing dissent during Burma's 26 years of authoritarian rule.

Student protesters last week circulated a list of demands that included holding a referendum on having a multi-party system in Burma, an end to martial law imposed Aug 3 in Rangoon, release of dissidents and student protesters, reinstatement of students held for political activities, reparations for families of those killed or wounded in protests and reductions in the cost of living.

Sein Lwin, who ruled for only 17 days, took over July 26 as chairman of the country's single political party, The Burma Socialist Programme Party. He replaced Ne Win, who had ruled since leading a 1962 military coup that ended Burmese democracy. Ne Win himself proposed the referendum on a multi-party system in his resignation speech, but the idea was rejected by the party.

In an article today, The Bangkok Post quoted Thai Prime Minister Chatichai Choonhavan as denying rumours that Sein Lwin had sought refuge in Thailand. Chatichai told the newspaper Thailand had received no request for asylum.

Winnie shocked to see Mandela

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 14, (Reuters): The wife of jailed black South African leader Nelson Mandela was shocked after visiting her husband in hospital where he is being treated for a lung ailment, Mandela's lawyer said today.

"Winnie was shocked after seeing him for 40 minutes but I don't know what shocked her," lawyer Ismail Ayob said after returning to Johannesburg.

Ayob said doctors told Winnie during a visit on Saturday to the Tyberberg Hospital in Cape Town that her 70-year-old husband had been treated in an operating theatre. She received no further details.

Ayob told Reuters he flew with Winnie Mandela to Cape Town hours after being informed by prison authorities that her husband was in hospital with fluid around his left lung.

Ayob said Mandela's wife, a black leader in her own right, had to wait for about four hours before being allowed to see her husband.

One of the numerous security men who have sealed off his ward said Mandela was in an operating



Nelson Mandela

theatre but could give her no details about the treatment he was receiving.

He was transferred from Cape Town's top-security Pollsmoor Prison to the hospital on Friday for treatment of a "left-side pleural effusion," according to two terse bulletins released by hospital authorities.

Meanwhile, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was today urged to demand the immediate release of Nelson Mandela.

Britain's main opposition Labour Party foreign affairs spokesman Gerald Kaufman said "with the news of his alarming illness the continued imprisonment of Nelson Mandela in South Africa must now be seen as an act of barbarity."

Missiles hit Kabul

Half of Soviet troops pull out

MOSCOW, Aug 14, (AP): Rebels fired missiles at Kabul and two other Afghan cities, killing 19 people on the halfway point in the withdrawal of Soviet troops from the country, Tass reported today.

The official news agency also said government troops killed the head of a group called the "Islamic Party of Afghanistan" and several other insurgents in the Asmar district of the Afghan province of Kunar. Twenty-seven rebels were killed and an arms depot captured in the Injil district of Herat, the news agency said.

Tass did not say whether the combat operations were conducted by Afghan or Soviet troops, who began their pullout May 15.

In Behdan, Aka Ali Shams and Chihel Sutan — three sections of the capital, Kabul — three missiles killed four women and a child and wounded six people overnight, Tass reported. Shelling in the residential areas of Gardez and Khost killed 14 people and wounded 20, according to the news agency, which filed a dispatch from Kabul.

Tass said a mosque in Gardez was destroyed and several apartment buildings there were damaged.

Afghan Army units killed 30 rebels in the Buri Heil district near Khost, the news agency

said. Afghanistan's state-run radio reported Saturday that half of the estimated 100,000 Soviet forces in Afghanistan had already withdrawn, two days ahead of a deadline set by a United Nations peace pact. Under the accord, signed in April in Geneva, half the Soviet troops were to be pulled out by Aug 15 and the rest by Feb 15.

Radio Kabul said a Red Army unit crossed the Oxus River Saturday into Soviet territory to bring the withdrawal to the halfway point.

Capture

The report, monitored in Islamabad, quoted Maj. Gen. Rauli Helminen of Finland, leader of a UN observer team, as saying the pullout "is being completed according to the schedule" of the Geneva accords. US officials in Islamabad earlier said it was likely that 50,000 Red Army soldiers would withdraw by the Aug 15 target date, three months after the withdrawal began.

The Soviet Union sent troops into Afghanistan in December 1979 to prop up Afghanistan's communist government. US and Pakistani-backed guerrillas have since fought the Soviets to a standstill in several areas.

The guerrillas are not a party to the agreement, and many

analysts predicted in April that the insurgents would recapture Afghan cities as fast as they were handed over to government security forces.

But latest reports indicate almost all 30 provincial capitals remain in communist hands.

"Our aim is to take the provincial capitals but not at the cost of innocent lives," Azim Nasser-Zia, a spokesman of the seven-party Afghan resistance alliance, said Saturday.

Unconfirmed reports said combined guerrilla forces overran most of the northern provincial capital of Kunduz after Soviet troops moved out in the first week of August.

Sources also said about 8,000 guerrillas are preparing to attack about 7,000 government forces defending the southeastern city of Kandahar, an ancient provincial capital.

Guerrillas have seized three other provincial capitals since May 15 but abandoned them days later under heavy Soviet aerial bombardment.

On Saturday, Radio Kabul said 13 people died in a rocket attack on the eastern city of Gardez, about 100 kilometres south-east of Kabul. It said the attack occurred Friday, but another broadcast said it happened Saturday.

Tokyo's population burden eases

TOKYO, Aug 14, (UPI): Tokyo residents scared off by skyrocketing prices are leaving the world's most expensive city in droves, leading to the first population decrease in the capital in eight years, a government survey showed today.

Tokyo's population on March 31 was 11,680,282, a drop of 11,689 from the end of March 1987, according to the survey of the Home Affairs Ministry, which said the states surrounding the capital experienced a population boom during the same period.

The combined population of the neighbouring prefectures of Kanagawa, Saitama and Chiba increased by 330,972 from the previous March, it said.

The Tokyo metropolitan region, which embraces the three prefectures, surpassed the 30 million mark, accounting for 25.2 per cent of the total population of the nation. This figure was one-tenth of a per cent higher than last year and was indicative of a nationwide trend toward "urban sprawls" around cities.

Japan's total population, now 121,874,240, grew at its slowest pace in terms of both number and percentage in the 20 years since the first survey in 1968.

59 detained in Egypt for mosque riots

CAIRO, Aug 14, (AP): State security authorities ordered today the detention of 59 people involved in clashes with police forces two days ago outside a mosque in a Cairo working-class district, Interior Ministry officials said.

An Interior Ministry official, demanding anonymity under operational rules, said state security prosecutor general ordered a 15-day detention of 59 people under investigation.

He said a woman died this morning of injuries sustained in a security mop-up operation following clashes between extremists and police Friday and yesterday. He said two more persons had died earlier.

Police forces clashed with Muslim extremists Friday night outside a mosque in the northeastern suburb of Ein Shams. The forces, acting on a tip, had surrounded the mosque to detain a number of extremist suspects who were meeting inside after evening prayers.

Nineteen people were wounded in the battle that ensued with stone-throwing, chain-wielding Muslim extremists. Police forces used tear-gas and sticks, according to a senior police official. The crowded district is inhabited mostly by workers.

Filipino rebels free five soldiers

MAMALA, Aug 14, (Reuters): Communist rebels freed five Philippine soldiers unharmed today after holding them hostage in a mountain hideout for 74 days.

The rebels removed the chains that bound the soldiers' wrists and turned the hostages over to local officials at this village below Mount Banahaw in Quezon province, 70 km southeast of Manila.

The handover was witnessed by more than 100 journalists. Lieutenant Abraham Cases, Oscar Singson, Clarito Santos and Rommel Salamaña and Sergeant John Jacob were captured on June 1 at rebel checkpoints near the mountain.

The release came after a negotiation headed by Public Works Secretary Juanito Ferrer agreed to guerrilla demands that victims of military abuse in Quezon would be compensated and enlistment in anti-communist militia units would be voluntary.

The officials rejected guerrilla demands for the release of five rebels in military custody.

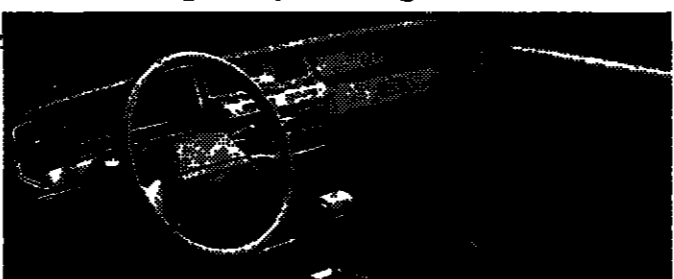
The hostages, looking pale and haggard, were brought down the mountainside one by one and unchained in a coconut grove in the village of Sariaya, 55 miles southeast of Manila. Family members, the press and civic officials viewed the release.

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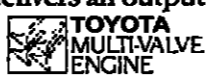
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Sudan faces more floods as Nile rises

KHARTOUM, Aug 14, (Reuters): The swollen waters of the river Nile crept inexorably towards the record 1946 level today, threatening Sudan with its worst flood this century.

Finance Minister Omar Nour AlDayem said the flooded Nile posed a serious danger from the central region to the Egyptian border and had already made nearly two million homeless.

Irrigation Minister Mahmoud Beshir Gamaa told Reuters last night the river had risen 14 cm (5.6 in) since Friday, bringing its level to 16.21 metres (53 ft 2 in).

This was some 79 cm (2 ft 6 in) less than the peak of Sudan's worst floods in living memory 42 years ago.

"The period between Aug 20 and the first week of September is crucial. Once that is over, Sudan will be safe," said Gamaa.

The official toll so far has been put at 58 dead and more than 200 injured in Khartoum, the capital city of four million.

In the south the white and blue Niles, fed by heavy rain in their headwaters, have inundated large sections of low-lying land, leaving only tree-tops visible.

The two tributaries meet in

Khartoum's twin city of Omdurman for the downstream journey north through Egypt to the Mediterranean.

King Fahd of Saudi Arabia has donated 30 million riyals (\$8 million) to Sudan to help nearly two million people made homeless by one of the worst Nile floods this century.

The official Saudi Press Agency said today that King Fahd paid the money from his personal account on behalf of the royal family.

He ordered his Interior Minister Prince Nayef Bin Abdulaziz to form a committee to raise money from the Saudi public to provide shelter for flood victims and rebuild their mosques.

Tens of thousands of mud huts have been washed away by the rising Nile and worse flooding is expected as the river nears the level of the record 1946 flood.

West Germany also announced it would be supplying emergency food and medical supplies valued at over 4 million marks in an initial relief effort. According to ministry sources, Bonn will shortly be sending 500 tons of vegetable oil and urgently needed medicines to Sudan.

Superman banned in China

BEIJING, Aug 14, (AP): A leading newspaper today criticised officials for yanking "Superman" and at least four other films from Beijing's movie theaters after they opened to packed houses.

In a rare plea from the official press, the China Youth News called for measures to protect against such "lawlessness".

The report said "Superman" was one of at least five movies that have been closed since 1985 by officials after the films started showing in the capital's movie theaters.

It said officials had "Superman" stopped in early 1986 because they did not want China's youth "to be inculcated with the film's impossible idealism." The story is of an almost omnipotent flying alien who fights crime on planet earth.

Two of the other films that were banned in Beijing, "The Fierce Battle in Taierzhuang" and "The Beach," have won awards in China.

The report said that in April 1987 when "Taierzhuang" was playing across the nation, officials closed the film in Beijing.



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All set for diving journey

THE Kuwait Marine Sporting Club has completed preparations to start its third diving journey on Thursday morning.

Hassan Rajab, supervisor of the Marine Heritage Committee, said that 126 Kuwaiti youths trained in diving will participate. The youths will be accompanied by experienced Kuwaiti sailors, divers and nokhaza (leader of the diving ship).

The journey will bring to life the old Kuwaiti ways when Kuwait depended on diving for pearls as a main source of income, he said.

Rajab said that the divers will return on Friday, Sept 2 and will be received by the Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Sabah.

He called on citizens to give a grand send-off and a warm welcome home to the participants.

Scientific Museum to open new departments

THE director of the Scientific Museum at the Ministry of Education, Bader Awadhi Khamsi, said that the museum will establish new departments because it has taken possession of a new building.

In an interview with participants in a summer club press activity, the director said the museum is keen to prepare and organise educational and museumification training courses for summer club members.

The objectives of the museum are linked to the educational curriculum required by the ministry, he said.

The director said that the Scientific Museum has a strong relationship with the educational process. Most of the museum's visitors are students of various educational levels.

The museum receives an average of 1,200 students each day, he added.

90,000 students in private schools

KUWAIT has the largest number of students in private schools among the Arabian Gulf states.

The annual statistical report on education in the Arabian Gulf states said that Kuwait has over 90,000 students in the private sector, followed by Saudi Arabia with 66,000 and the UAE with 53,000.

The report indicated that during the last academic year, there were 234,000 students in private schools in all the seven Arab states.

Bahrain ranks first in the proportion of female to male students in the private sector.

Female students in Bahrain's private schools formed 48 per cent, followed by Kuwait and UAE with 46 per cent, Qatar 45 per cent and Saudi Arabia and Oman 41 per cent. No figures were available for Iraq.

Electricity charges

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Al-Jubair has directed that present electricity charges for chalets be reconsidered.

This was announced yesterday by Minister of Electricity and Water Dr Homoud Al Rqobah, who added that HH's initiative will be carried out.

School health programme

THERE are now 636 clinics in the government schools, a responsible source at the Ministry of Public Health said. He said the centres also cover private schools and the university.

The school health programme has been attached to the primary health services of the ministry at the beginning of 1980. As a result of this step, physicians began working in schools in addition to working at health centres. Both pupils and staff of the schools are treated and in some cases referred to specialised clinics.

Furthermore, the source said that the ministry has 22 women's clinics in different areas which offer obstetric and gynaecological services.

Mubarak phones Khalifa

DOHA, Aug 14, (KUNA): The Amir of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani, today had a telephone conversation with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak about the Gulf war and Arab and international political matters, the Qatari news agency reported.

Mubarak, who initiated the call, also discussed with the Amir ways to strengthen ties between Cairo and Doha, the agency added.

The two countries restored diplomatic ties last year after a nine-year break.

Teenagers saved from drowning

By Jadranka Porter

TWO Kuwaiti teenagers were saved from drowning on Wednesday while they were trying to swim across a small bay off the coast of Kuwait near Fintas.

One of them, Mohammed Saad, 17, who was rushed to Adan Hospital, was discharged yesterday. He and his younger brother were saved while a friend managed to get to shallower waters on his own.

Two Yugoslavs, a diplomat and a doctor, came to the boys' aid when the Kuwaitis, who were poor swimmers, suddenly found themselves in deep water and began to panic.

Drama
The drama began at 5.00 pm on Wednesday when Slobodan Jarcevic, the Yugoslav Charge d'Affaires and Shamsudin Shlakovich, a doctor from Ibn Sina Hospital, heard cries for help from three swimmers some 50 metres away from the beach. The beach was deserted but for the two Yugoslavs.

"At first we thought that they were just having fun splashing about in the water," Jarcevic said. But when they distinctly heard the word "help" they

decided to take action. The problem was that Jarcevic himself is a poor swimmer and Shlakovich suffers from back ailment and was advised by doctors not to take strenuous exercise.

Nevertheless, Jarcevic dived in, but then saw that one of the boys had a rubber ring and another was swimming back in the direction from where they came.

He later found that the rubber ring was punctured and was taking in water.

Frantic
Jarcevic again thought the boys were not in danger and stopped, losing some precious time.

But the frantic calls for help continued. While Jarcevic swam on, Shlakovich went to look for a piece of wood which could be used to help the boys float.

"We were lucky that it was all happening not far from the buoy marking the safe swimming area. I managed to reach one of the teenagers, get him to the buoy and push him to shallower waters where he was assisted by my friend," Jarcevic said.

But when he turned to help Mohammed he found him miss-

ing. He dived and found the boy unconscious. Jarcevic pulled the boy to the surface and managed to reach the buoy. Jarcevic hung on to the chain the buoy was attached to with his legs and tried to put Mohammed into the upright position and keep his head above the water.

Meanwhile, Shlakovich came with a plank and they placed Mohammed onto it and pulled him to the beach.

There, Shlakovich, who works in Ibn Sina's X-ray department, promptly pumped the water from Mohammed's stomach. He was vomiting blood but regained consciousness.

Rushed
The two Yugoslavs rushed Mohammed to Adan Hospital where he was promptly given oxygen. Jarcevic's legs were badly bruised.

It was a frightful experience, but it is also tremendously gratifying to know that you have saved someone's life," said Jarcevic.

Shlakovich, who has saved lives before, said: "The most important thing was to keep one's cool."

The hospital spokesman said Mohammed had been near death but had fully recovered.

GCC health meetings

HEALTH meetings will be held in GCC states in the coming three months.

A committee studying health conditions of Gulf children will hold an extended series of meetings Oct 9-20 in Abu Dhabi. The meetings will deal with vaccination programmes, child care and the progress of a project to study the health conditions of children in the GCC states.

Upgrade
Another meeting will be held Oct 11-13 for the executive committee of Gulf Health Planning, in which GCC representatives will discuss co-ordinating GCC health plans to upgrade the standard of medical services.

On Oct 2-4, the GCC medicines purchase committee will meet in Riyadh to discuss issues relating to the unified purchase of drugs by the GCC states.

Symposium
The committee for the treatment of chemical burns will hold its meeting in Kuwait Oct 3-5, while preparatory meetings for the malaria symposium will be held in Muscat during the same period.

A pan-Arab health meeting on blood transfusions will be held in Rabat, Morocco, Nov 14-16. The meeting will discuss the risks of importing blood from foreign countries in view of its possible contamination by the AIDS virus.

Draft law on housing

THE Higher Housing Council has approved a draft law on the new housing system, a reliable source at the council said.

The Council of Ministers is expected to approve the draft law next month.

The new draft law may solve the problem of housing for Kuwaiti women married to non-Kuwaitis and for Kuwaiti widows, the source said.

The new housing system ends the problem of the pile up of applications for allocations of houses, he said.

Khaddafi message for Sheikh Zayed

ABU DHABI, Aug 14, (Reuters): Libyan Foreign Minister Jadhalla Azzouz Al Talhi, on a tour of Gulf states, delivered a letter today from Colonel Muammar Khaddafi to United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan.

The official Emirates news agency WAM said the letter concerned the current Arab situation and ways to boost joint Arab action.

The agency quoted Talhi as saying yesterday he hoped his Gulf tour would benefit joint Arab action. Libya was one of several Arab states which tried to mediate an end to the Iran-Iraq war.

Talhi's trip comes before a United Nations-brokered ceasefire goes into force on Aug 20.

Sentenced for life

THE Criminal Court has sentenced a man identified as Nedal to life imprisonment with hard labour to be followed by deportation. He was accused of kidnapping a girl, Samiha, a work colleague who paid him for daily transportation, attempting to rape her, stealing the money she had with her at the time of the incident and posing as a detective during the investigations.

The accused took the girl into the desert one evening after work and tried to rape her. When she resisted, he beat her, causing several injuries.

She managed to escape and subsequently informed the police of what had happened, adding that she had left her purse containing K.D.150, her passport and Civil card in the car.

Trained staff

THE Ministry of Electricity and Water is keen to develop its administrative capabilities and will add trained and qualified staff to its services, according to a senior ministry official.

The acting Undersecretary at the Ministry of Electricity and Water, Sami Fahd Al Ibrahim, recently headed a meeting of the consumer affairs department at the ministry's headquarters.

The official called for more co-operation to upgrade and improve services offered to consumers in different areas.

The meeting was attended by the acting director of the consumer affairs department, electricity office directors, the director of the legal affairs department and the director of the public relations department.

UAE-Italy talks

ABU DHABI, Aug 14, (KUNA): United Arab Emirates Chief of General Staff Major General Mohammad Saeed Al Badi today conferred with the admiral of the Italian naval force in the Gulf.

Unconfirmed reports said the two men discussed the situation in the region in light of the ceasefire agreed to by Iraq and Iran.



The Ambassador of Pakistan to Kuwait, Zahid Saeed, raising the flag to mark his country's Independence Day.

Trip to Failaka

KUWAIT Public Transport Company (KPTC) is doing its best to provide the latest travelling facilities between Failaka Island and Kuwait.

The director of KPTC, Technical and Marine Department, Bader Al Najjar said that the company recently contracted with an Australian firm to build two vessels with a capacity of 150 passengers each.

Facilities
The vessels will be equipped with the latest facilities for comfort, including a cafeteria and closed-circuit television, he said. One vessel is scheduled to arrive in Kuwait in mid-September.

Travelling time between Ras Al Ardh (Salamiya) to Failaka Island will be only 20 minutes, he said.

KPTC has also contracted with a company in Singapore to build a specialised vessel to carry vehicles, consumer goods and construction materials. It will have a maximum load of 300 tons and be able to accommodate three times more the normal amount of passengers.

Abide
Al Najjar pointed out that work has begun at Ras Al Ardh port to enable berthing by more vessels.

He called on the public to abide by the schedule of vessels from Failaka to Ras Al Ardh.

He also asked the public not to damage seats or utilities of vessels.

Training course

A LOCAL daily has quoted an official source at the Ministry of Public Health as saying that a one-week training course is being set up by the ministry of new graduates of the faculty of medicine.

The course is aimed at familiarising new physicians with the family doctor system in Kuwait and at upgrading the efficiency of those already practising.

The source added that the ministry has created another registration system for doctors who wish to be involved in the primary health care training course which lasts for three years. This course is to be organised and supervised by Kuwait's Institute for Medical Specialisations in co-operation with Britain's Royal College of General Practitioners.

Afforestation campaign
AN authoritative source at Kuwait's Ministry of Public Works has said that the improvement of the water drainage network and sewage treatment will increase the success of the national afforestation campaign.

The campaign is being supervised by a higher committee chaired by Minister of Public Works Abdul Rahman Al Houti.

The source noted the drainage engineering department's endeavours to maintain and renovate the networks to use the water for agricultural purposes after the necessary treatment process.

Wheat exports

BAHRAIN, Aug 14, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia, fast becoming a major grain producer, exported 398,991 tonnes of wheat during the last two months — nearly half of it to China.

The official Saudi Press Agency (SPA), quoting statistics released by the Ministry of Agriculture and Water, said 160,000 tonnes had gone to China.

ROYAL COURT

Amiri audience

HH the Amir yesterday received Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah who delivered to HH a report on discussions by the Arab League's seven-man committee which met in the Soviet Union on the Iran-Iraq war.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

US role criticised

A LOCAL daily yesterday accused the US of playing a key role in creating a standoff in the Mideast region, despite the vast changes brought by the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

In a front-page comment, the daily quoted US Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy as saying that Israel's repressive measures such as deportations, administrative arrests and the destruction of Palestinian homes, make it a lot harder to find a settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict, the newspaper said that Washington's passiveness toward these actions draws big question marks about the US ability to deal with changes in the area.

Speaking of the ceasefire in the Iraq-Iran war, the daily said: "There are signs indicating that the Gulf area will enter a phase of stability and peace, after a relatively long-lived stage of military confusion and chaos."

The newspaper said that the US is very much concerned about opening new contact channels with Iran, to block any gaps in the face of the Soviets.

The daily added that Washington has come to realise that UN-sponsored face-to-face talks between the two belligerents is the way to achieve peace.

Permanent supermarket to be established in Salwa

THE general director of Rumaithiya Co-operative Society, Farid Naser Al Awadhi, said that the society will establish a permanent supermarket and some other branches in Salwa.

He described popular markets as a healthy phenomenon and supported establishment of a co-operative bank to serve citizens.

Negative
The director said that the current co-operative law has some negative aspects and said he hoped these would be resolved in the new law.

In an interview with a local daily, Al Awadhi said that the society offers services at Salwa, Rumaithiya and Bida' areas. However, he said there are some problems related to profit distribution and service levels.

Al Awadhi gave the annual sales figures as K.D.8,468,925 for the year 1987, with average daily sales of nearly K.D.23,202. Net profit amounted to K.D.219,739 as of Dec 31, 1987. The society has 6,761 members he added.

Temporary
The society has established a temporary supermarket, modern fish market, a fast food restaurant and other shops.

More than 100 branches including one bank in Salwa, were built, he said.

The society provides schools of the area with financial and material support. There is also a proposal to set up diwanis for retired employees, the general director said.

Improper storage
IN an interview with a group from Al Omariyah Summer Club for girls, a source said that most of the blazes occurring at houses were due to negligence of parents who leave combustible materials within easy reach of children.

According to the source, Kuwait's General Fire Department has issued warnings about storing hazardous materials close to electrical connections, or in residential areas.

Kuwait's General Fire Department was established in 1947 and has seen significant progress, particularly in preventive technology, the source added.

He added that the department works around the clock and is ready to respond to any call immediately.

Insurance companies should verify the real cost of the insured stores or shops and should make sure that these are licensed by the authorities, the source said, hinting that the insurance firms do not co-operate with the fire department.

Fisheries exhibition

THE director of the fisheries department at the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR), Mohamed Saif took part in the second international fisheries and fishing equipment exhibition recently held in Greece.

The exhibition included three aspects of the fishing industry: the first related to equipment like fishing boats, engines, navigation maps, radar, telecommunication devices and fishermen's clothes. The second dealt with fish plantation techniques and equipment, and the third specialised in fish products and modern methods of fishing.

Meanwhile, Dr Dhari Al

Ajmi, director of the environmental sciences department, attended the American Air Pollution Fighting Society's annual meeting in Dallas, Texas last July. Dr Dhari, a member of the society, represented KISR at this meeting.

A number of scientific studies on air pollution and its hazards to mankind were discussed. There was also an exhibition of advanced pollution monitoring devices from 43 specialised companies.

Camp for the blind

THE 8th Arab Camp for the blind began yesterday in Doha with 140 attendees from 17 Arab states.

The camp is scheduled for one week and will include social, cultural and sports activities as well as entertainment, contests, field tours, symposiums and lectures.

The chairman of the board of the Qatari Red Crescent Society Sheikh Ali Bin Jabr Al Thani yesterday stressed the importance of such gatherings. He said they provide participants with the opportunity to meet in a co-operative atmosphere.

The head of the international union and president of the Middle East office for the Committee of the Blind, Sheikh Abdullah Al Ghanem, said that the gathering provides a means to share experiences and view the needs of the blind in the Middle East.

One killed in accident

ONE person died in Kuwait yesterday as a result of a traffic accident. There were nine traffic accidents in various parts of the country yesterday.

Meanwhile, an 11-year-old boy, who was identified by police as K., died yesterday of electric shock. His father said that the boy was electrocuted as he was taking water from a cooling machine.

In another incident, police reported that Ahmad Al dectives arrested two men for breaking into a shop in the Fahheel area. The accused men admitted the charges and handed the stolen goods over to the police.

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ملف من الجرائد

By Elora Shehabuddin

THE powers behind Halaal Ki Kamaal sought to convey a number of messages, among them the dignity of honest labour and the suffering of the down-trodden masses. But they fail miserably. True, these aspects of life are depicted, but in a flat, one-dimensional, hackneyed manner.

Shankar, a young boy is dishonestly relieved of his scrupulously honest earnings and his mother dies of a chronic illness. Brought up by Robert, the owner of the local bar, he grows to be the busiest hero Robin Hood style. A fraudulent scheme leads him to an heiress and they fall in love. The bad guys in the movie are the heiress' greedy relatives.

Govinda, as Shankar, fills the usual quota of fight and dance scenes; Farha plays Sharmila, the teenage heiress with a social conscience that is inextricably linked to her everlasting love for Shankar. Shakti Kapoor is Robert, the bartender who fathers Shankar and introduces the child to the world of moral dishonesty.

If the hip swings and punches fail to amuse you, don't despair: there is a chase scene in which Shankar discards his

The good, the bad and the heinous



Farha plays a stereotyped teenage heiress in Halaal Ki Kamaal.

sweat-stained crew neck T-shirt for a tank top, and when and how a secret never to be

revealed unto mere film buffs. The lack of continuity is heinous: hair grows an average of 14mm a month but Farha's hair length is akin to a yo-yo. On the whole, a very commercially oriented movie, entirely forgettable.

Atanka
Rabindranath Tagore said that he who does wrong and he who condones it both command as little respect as the grass we walk upon and Atanka revolves almost entirely around this couplet.

Written and directed by Tapan Sinha, Atanka (Terror) is a superb Bengali movie about young men vandalising and generally terrorising the inhabitants of a somewhat run-down part of Calcutta.

Shudhangshu Mukherjee, an old schoolteacher, witnesses a

ghastly murder on his way home one evening. The killers, one of them a former student, warn him against reporting them to the police and keep a close eye on him. The old man is terrified they will harm his son and daughter and keeps mum, struggling with his conscience all the while.

After days of deliberation — during which his son is beaten up and his daughter assaulted — the old teacher turns up at the police station, only to be told that the killer has an alibi — airtight since it has been provided by the local political leader.

It is a touching tale of an old teacher who, in his own words, never had the time to take a good, hard look at the society he lives in, having lived, grown and developed with each suc-

cessive batch of students. He is at a loss to understand how one of his own students, especially one who showed such great promise, could develop into a political henchman and killer.

There are no loose ends and the extra care taken over little details make the film all the more real, hence, appealing. Shudhangshu tells a student whom he tutors privately that they will do some algebra at the following lesson — and they do.

The camera captures the political slogans that embellish walls in the greater part of the sub-continent, leading an air of authenticity to the film. Beating up the competition is only part of the pre-election campaign but a police officer who describes the murder as a political one is reminded that murder can take no adjective.

The killers tuck into chow mein and prawns while the TV screen behind them shows fights and assaults in alternate succession — symbolic of the unreined effect violence in the media has on society.

Reality is portrayed all the way, down to disfigurement by acid, conflict among the young men and their rejection by their political guru.

Shoumitra Chatterjee plays the ageing schoolmaster; Shatabdi Ray, as his daughter, strikes one as somewhat wooden at first, but then reveals quiet courage as she persuades her father to go to the police, aware of the possible repercussions. The film also stars Shumanta Mukherjee and Prashant Ray.

The English subtitles are very good and a boon for those who aren't native speakers of the language, yet willing to try the movie.

The above films are by courtesy of Athari Video, Main St., Farwaniya, Tel 471-2900.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9:00 Holy Quran
9:30 Space Adventures
10:15 Ibn Al Jabal
11:15 Ala Duniya Al Salam
12:15 Cultural film
1:00 News
1:05 World today via satellite
1:30 Summer clubs
2:00 Variety show
2:30 Al Ajniba
3:35 Cartoons
4:15 Kuwait vs. Thailand: 1982 World Cup qualifying round
6:00 Children's programme
6:45 Variety show
7:10 Al Wan: cultural programme
7:50 Science and the Holy Quran
8:30 Wa Qalat Al Arab
9:00 News in Arabic
9:45 Al Hussan
10:45 Arabic feature film
12:00 News summary
12:05 World today via satellite/Holy Quran: Closedown



A number of prostitutes are murdered in Miami Vice, on KTV 2 at 8.30 pm.



The Hippocratic oath is put to the test in Hitchcock, on KTV 2 at 10.00 pm.

KTV 2

6:00 Holy Quran
6:10 Galiar

6:30 The Craft of the Potter: "Clay and Hand-building" Potter Mary Rogers shows the basics.

7:00 Evening Report: weekly roundup of world news and regional events.

7:30 The Duck Factory: "Can We Talk?" An angry outburst.

8:00 News in English

8:30 Miami Vice: "Duty and Honour" Prostitutes are murdered under the Vietnam banner.

9:30 Private Benjamin: "Jungle Swamp Survival"

10:00 Hitchcock: "Hypocrite Oath" A student decides to dispose of the dean of the medical school... only to find he himself the victim of a clever plot.

10:30 The Equalizer: "Suspicion of Innocence"

11:30 News summary/Magazine d'Actualite: Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

English

Morning
0800 Opening
0802 Songs and Music
0805 Science Journal
0830 News
0840 Songs and Music
0845 Daily Programmes
0900 Songs and Music
0915 Writers and Their Works
0930 Radio Magazine Supplement
1000 Our Press Today
1005 Songs and Music
1100 Closedown
1:30 News on FM Service

Evening
2100 Opening
2102 Bits and Bytes
2130 News
2145 Point of View
2155 Songs and Music
2200 Facts About Zionism
2215 Magazine Special
2245 Daily Programme
2300 Pell Mell
2400 Closedown

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

0800 World News
09 News about Britain
09 News about Britain
15 Radio Newsworld
0930 Radio Magazine Supplement
1000 Our Press Today
1005 Songs and Music
1100 Closedown
1:30 News on FM Service

50 Waveguide
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Nature Notebook
45 Recording of the Week
0600 Newsdesk
30 The Stunts (ex 1st and 8th Film of the Book)
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 The Cross and the Crescent
0800 World News
09 Reflections
15 Where Angels Fear to Tread
30 Anything Goes
0900 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Good Books
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
45 Peebles' Choice
1000 News Summary followed by The Stunts (ex 1st and 8th Film of the Book)

30 The Vintage Chart Show
1100 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Health Matters (ex 8th and 29th Sportsweek)
30 The Kas Buses Show
1200 Radio Newsworld
15 Brain of Britain 1988
45 Sports Roundup
1300 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Anything Goes (ex 8th and 29th Recording of the Week)
45 (8th and 29th only) Sportsweek
1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News
45 The Third Policeman
1500 Radio Newsworld
15 The Stunts (ex 1st and 8th Film of the Book)
45 English Songsmiths (ex 1st Glyndebourne — The Early Years)
1600 World News

09 News about Britain
15 A Life at the UN (ex 22nd and 29th Whither Wisdom?)
30 The A-Z of Hollywood
45 The World Today
1700 World News
09 Commentary
15 Beechdown
45 Sports Roundup
1800 Newsdesk
30 Multitrack 1: Top-20
1900 Outlook, opening with News Summary
39 Stock Market Report
45 Peebles' Choice

Urdu

1900 Opening
1910 Behereh Qaul
1916 Programme Preview
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Islamiyat: Daur-e-Hazir
2000 News
2020 Songs
2040 Humare Mehman
2100 Closedown

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum

The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum

The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

Tareq Rajab Museum

The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

SOCIAL

Indonesian Independence Day

On the occasion of the 43rd anniversary of the independence of Indonesia, a flag hoisting ceremony will be held at the embassy, Nuzha Main St., Plot 3, Villa 32, on Aug 17 at 8:00 am. Members of the Indonesian community are cordially invited.

Indian Arts Circle

The Indian Arts Circle will stage a programme at 7.30 pm, Aug 18, to mark the end of a year's celebration of the 40th anniversary of India's independence. All Indians are cordially invited.

Malayalam debate

A series of debates on Malayalam cinema are being held this month. The last one is on: The different stages of cinema production and its influence on entertainment Aug 19.

The discussions will be carried out mainly in Malayalam. For information on time and venue, please contact Karun 4814477.

Onam Festival

The Viswabharathi Theatres, Abbasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese — 4314511; Thomas Perumpilly — 4810490 ext. 207; Verghese Paradayil 2422973.

Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1 at 8.30 pm. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will be in attendance. For reservations, contact J. D'Sa at 2450279, 3981790, 3924659.

Varca Sporting Centre

Varca Sporting Centre will organise an evening of games and entertainment at the Tent SAS on September 22, 1988. Music will be provided by Top Ranks and Next of Kin. Further details later.

Indian Independence Day

On the occasion of the Independence Day of India, there will be a flag hoisting ceremony at 8.30 am at the embassy premises, 34 Istiqlal St. on Aug 15. The embassy will remain closed on that day.

HOTELS

At the Holiday Inn

Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers international buffet meals at lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; a la carte also available. Fresh pastries and cakes can be bought every day at the Viennese Cafe. The Hanging Babylon Gardens are ideal for a period of quiet relaxation.

On Wednesday, join the Shahrzad barbecue at the poolside; there will be games, prizes and surprises. On Thursday,

enjoy music and food at the Arabian Night at the Al Andalus Supper club. Al Dana offers a special treat for children at the Friday brunch, open from 11 am to 3 pm.

Recreation facilities include squash and tennis courts, male/female gymnasiums with saunas, solaria, whirlpools, and massage and relaxation rooms.

At the Sheraton

Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sienna's Duo at the Riccardo restaurant. Riccardo's is closed on Fridays.

Al Hambra features authentic Lebanese cuisine every Sunday and seafood specialties on Wednesday nights; a sumptuous brunch buffet is offered on Fridays. Live entertainment is provided by the Lords.

The Hunt Room offers a variety of meat and fish preparations at lunch and dinner.

Arab world specialties are available every Thursday evening at Le Tarbouche. A buffet lunch and dinner is offered on Fridays.

The Coffee Shop features a wide range of international cuisine and has a daily special.

At the Continental

The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food at dinner on Thursday and at lunch on Friday.

The Darbar offers lunch buffet every Thursday. A la carte for dinner.

At the Ramada

Al Gandoul Grill Garden, open 7 pm to midnight, features a selection of grilled specialties. The Open Garden has selection of teas, coffees, and juices; Arguilla water pipe available; videos shown every day. Open every day 7 pm to 11 pm.

Take away counter, open daily 4 to 11 pm, offers a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks, plus fish and chips. Tea,

coffee, juices, cakes and pastries are available at the Ramada Al Salam lobby lounge, open 10 am to 11 pm; ice-cream promotion daily.

At the Regency

Regency Palace is offering a special Hijra New Year holiday weekend package for Kuwaitis and residents of Kuwait (family), featuring a welcome drink, full breakfast buffet, local daily newspaper, late checkout (6 pm), and the use of extensive health and fitness facilities.

At the Meridien

La Brasserie offers Friday brunch from 12 noon to 4 pm; also open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Beat the summer heat with cool juices offered in the lobby lounge; musical entertainment is provided in the evenings.

Mango promotion, featuring wide variety of mango preparations, until Aug 31.

At the Hilton

La Palma has introduced a new 12-day buffet cycle featuring Arab specialties; open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner, from 6.30 am to midnight.

At the Failaka restaurant, select from a wide variety of dishes to make your own table top buffet. The Magnetic Bank provides live music in the evenings. Open every day 12.30 pm and 7.30-11.30 pm.

Ice-cream, cold drinks and this week's special — coconut pie — are available at La Patisserie. Open daily 10.30 am - 10.45 pm.

At the Kuwait Plaza Hotel

The Al Dallah, coffee shop offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a set menu mini business lunch. Light snacks and ice-cream are available at the International Food Arcade; open 10.00 am to 11.00 pm.

Enjoy Turkish cuisine, a la carte, at the Bosphorus restaurant. Open for lunch and dinner every day except Saturday. The Marco Polo res-

taurant offers Italian food, live music and a candlelight atmosphere.

There is a Filipino Night every Sunday 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm; live entertainment provided.

SPORTS

Masters Bowling Tournament

The second Masters Tournament, open to both men and women, will be held on Aug 25-26 and Sept 1-2 at 300 Silver Tower (behind US embassy). The deadline for registration is Aug 23. For particulars, please contact Sarah Macarimbang 4843447.

14th Winners Cup cricket tournament

The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open 14th Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning Sept 16. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the Ahmadi Governorate Ground located behind the Computer Centre. Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa, Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924659, 5-8 pm. The draw will be held on Friday, Aug 26, at 9 am at the Kuwait Lanka Restaurant, Fahad.

Boy's Own Club

Boy's Own Club will organise a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday (October 22/23). Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe d'Souza 4813622.

PEAK meeting

PEAK will have an officers' meeting on Aug 18 at the Pula hotel at 7.30 pm. Discussion will centre on various forthcoming tournaments.

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Thought for today

TO recommend thrift to the poor is like advising a man who is starving to eat less — Oscar Wilde, Irish-born writer (1854-1900).

Indian peacekeeping troops seen as enemy

By Adam Kellihier

JAFFNA, Sri Lanka, (UPI): Indian peacekeeping troops moved into northern Sri Lanka one year ago in a bid to end five years of civil war in the island nation, but Tamil rebel groups still enjoy widespread public support.

Residents, aid workers and community leaders said backing for the rebels remained strong due to Indian human rights abuses and public admiration for the youth guerrillas' refusal to abandon their fight for minority Tamils.

"The boys" (as the rebels are called) are not suppressed," said Murugesu Kandiah, a merchant in Jaffna's main market. "They are the only genuine movement that has been helping us."

The Jaffna peninsula once was the undisputed stronghold of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), the largest rebel group fighting for independence for the Tamil-dominated north and east.

The Tigers replaced police and government officials with their own men, operated schools, television and radio stations, printed stamps, levied taxes, owned a fleet of gun-running ships and boats and openly ran training camps and arms manufacturing facilities.

When other guerrilla factions last year endorsed an Indo-Sri Lankan agreement aimed at ending the civil war by granting limited self-rule to Tamil areas, the Tigers refused to disarm, prompting a two-month Indian offensive that scattered the rebels across the peninsula and into the south.

Since then, the rebels' combat strength has been reduced to about 1,000. It can no longer mount major operations and has reverted to a classic guerrilla struggle against the 14,000 Indian troops on the Jaffna peninsula.

No public symbols of Tiger control remain. Their flags, slogans and portraits of "martyrs" have been replaced by Indian machine gun posts on street corners and signs declaring "help restore normality."

But few civilians have heeded the Indian appeals and the rebels still can rely on shelter and sustenance from most of the peninsula's 900,000 Tamils.

Rise in birth rate worries China

By Edgar Bauer

BEIJING, (DPA): The current Year of the Dragon could hardly come at a worse time for China's hard-pressed family planners.

Faced with an uphill struggle to keep population growth under control, the last thing authorities want is a new baby boom.

But such a prospect looms because of the popular belief that children conceived under the sign of the dragon are blessed with good health, strength, cleverness and the ability to work hard.

The traditional Chinese year does not end until February next year, so it will be late 1989 before the predicted baby boom peters out.

A plethora of "longzi" (dragon sons) and "longsun" (dragon grand-children) is bound to unsettle even further politicians already worried by a sharp rise in the birth rate since 1986.

China's population grew by 15 million last year, well above what authorities had targeted. The figure for 1986 was also higher than anticipated.

If the trend continues, the current population of 1.07 billion will surpass the 1.2 billion mark by the end of the century, something the family planners had hoped to avoid.

Controls

One of the reasons for the increase was a relaxing of family planning controls, starting in 1984. The minister responsible for this, Wang Wei, has since been relieved of his post.

The measures are soon to be tightened in order to cope with the "new population crisis," according to the Communist Party journal, the People's Daily.

China has won international acclaim for the success of its family planning programme but has also drawn criticism for the sometimes draconian measures of enforcement.

Fortress Europe

By John Yemma

BRUSSELS: "Fortress Europe."

It's a loaded term, evoking images of Europe's castles bristling with cannons and bunkers to hold off the outside world. "Fortress Europe" is the catch phrase to describe the worst fears of free traders about what might happen when the 12 nations of the European Economic Community (EEC) unite as a single market in a phased-in programme running up to 1992.

"When the inside walls fall," a United States diplomat in Europe worries, "the outside walls could rise."

European political and business leaders say they understand the concern. But they point out that it will do Europeans little good to create a competitive domestic market and then block off their companies from international markets in London. "It would be ridiculous to liberalize internally to get more efficiency and then put a wall around Europe."

Jean Paul Thant in France's Ministry of European Affairs sees "legitimate fears outside the Community" and notes that the actual policies of the Community are not yet determined.

Open

"But at the base of the Community," he says, "the philosophy is not protectionist. Europe wants an open market, but it must be conditioned on the Japanese opening their market and the US not closing its market."

Access to the 325-million person European consumer market, with the second highest gross domestic product in the world, could become a powerful tool in the hands of Europeans. On a recent trip to Washington, Lord Francis Cockfield, vice-president of the European Commission, noted "anxiety in Europe" about recurring attempts

to pass protectionist legislation in the US Congress. His implied message: Congress should consider the consequences in Europe of any new US trade protection.

They are important consequences. The EEC is the US's most important trading partner — ahead of Canada and Japan — when two-way sales and sales of subsidiaries are considered. The US Commerce Department estimates this economic relationship at \$1 trillion — good reason for US trade officials to keep a weather eye on Europe — 1992.

Charles Ludolph, director of the US Commerce Department's office of European Affairs, says most aspects of the 1992 programme look positive for US companies. He is concerned, however, that the devising of Euro-standards for products such as electrical equipment, computers, and software could present new problems for US companies if the standard become more restrictive.

Mitsuo Takii of the Japan External Trade Organisation's New York office says there is modest but growing concern in Japan that 1992 could make Europe more closed to Japanese exporters. Japan's concern is intensified, he says, by the new US-Canada free-trade agreement, which would create another huge, integrated trading bloc with potential protectionist tendencies.

The worst case for Japan would be to get locked out of both trading zones. Although the Japanese government has talked of the East Asian market as a "Pacific Economic Community," there is currently no push in this direction. For this reason, overall "liberal world trade is still the most important to Japan," Takii says.

Nevertheless, showing how European you are is a common strategy today, especially with Japanese companies. Sony, for instance, recently marked the

How the EEC stacks up against US, Japan

1987 statistics	EEC	US	Japan
Population	325 million	226 million	121 million
Gross domestic product (GDP)	\$4.6 trillion	\$4.8 trillion	\$2.6 trillion
Total value of goods and services			
Per capita GDP	\$14,153	\$21,238	\$21,487
Purchasing power			
What \$100 worth in selected goods in the EEC cost	\$100	\$82	\$157
Trade balance			
Export minus imports	\$108 million deficit	\$159 billion deficit	\$94 billion surplus
Unemployment rates	11.6%	6.2%	2.8%

Source: Eurostat, US economic reports

15th anniversary of its factory in Britain. It emphasizes its Queen's award for exporting from Britain and the Sony brand wine produced in a vineyard it owns in France.

Many big American companies already act very European in Europe. IBM has subsidiaries throughout the Community. Ford operates assembly plants in six European nations. AT&T is in partnership with Olivetti in Italy, Philips in the Netherlands, and Telefonica in Spain. Inside Europe sales by US subsidiaries dwarf US exports to Europe: Subsidiaries sold \$500 billion last year, while US exports to Europe amounted to \$75 billion.

"The American multinational is already well dug in," notes Michael Emerson, senior EEC economist in Brussels. "For them, 1992 is the best possible news. They are very well placed to reap the potential benefits."

The benefits might look like they did for Boston-based Gillette. Several years ago, says John Symons, president of Gillette North Atlantic, the company's four European factories were reorganized to produce for all Europe, not just national

markets. This reduced the number of different Gillette products from 1,800 to 200. The same marketing strategy was used in 15 different European nations, with changes only in language. Symons says this boosted profit margins dramatically, making Europe Gillette's most lucrative region.

Ludolph of the Commerce Department is concerned, however, that small and medium-sized US firms are "unequally informed" about the unified European market. US companies thinking about exports to Europe, he says, should be examining the 300 changes in rules and regulations — from open government procurement to smoother intra-European trucking — that make up the 1992 programme. The Commerce Department is beginning to speak to trade groups and is preparing publications on the subject.

The European market could be a bonanza for US and Asian exporters if a recent study by Data Resources Inc. (DRI) proves correct.

DRI says EEC imports should increase 4 per cent, while exports

rise only 2.5 per cent after 1992. The gap is an exporter's delight. It will come mostly from "quota harmonization," notes Jean-Michel Six, director of DRI-Europe in London. Hundreds of different national quotas on of DRI-Europe in London. Hundreds of different national quotas on of DRI-Europe in London. Hundreds of different national quotas on of DRI-Europe in London.

"The bottom line is that most countries would have their quotas cut," Dr Six says. "That has obvious benefits for Japanese, Korean, and American car manufacturers."

Fiat, the Italian automaker, won't be happy, however. The Italian government limits Japanese auto companies to only 1 per cent (about 3,500 cars) of the market. Although Fiat's loss of market share in 1992 to foreign carmakers could be offset by new sales elsewhere in the European market, no one expects Fiat or other European companies or trade unions to go gently into free trade after enjoying decades of barriers to foreign competition.

Reaction seems inevitable. But free traders watching Europe can take comfort from the anti-protectionist policies of the Netherlands, West Germany, and Britain, strong voices within the EC.

European specialist Michael Canning at the National Planning Association in Washington, D.C., considers it "premature to leap to conclusions" about European protectionism. He says that although Europe-1992 is being done for Europeans — not as a gift to the outside world — it is not in Europe's long-term interest to raise barriers.

Swapping 12 national fortresses for a Fortress Europe would simply replace 12 inefficient, protected markets with one big one. That's not what European leaders have in mind. As Lord Cockfield puts it: "If Europe is strengthened internally, there

will be less fear, less need for trade protection, not more. Because at the end of the day, we have the drive and determination to stand on our feet in Europe against anybody in the world."

Interstate commerce is something Americans take for granted. Not Jim Young.

His family business in Spartanburg, S.C., is textile machines. Young arrived in Britain in June to set up operations in Manchester. Partly, he says, this is to augment normal business, which is brisk now that the cheap dollar is boosting European sales.

But since Young's textile machines are warehoused in Britain and West Germany and shipped throughout Europe, the streamlining of a single market can't come too soon.

"When we sell in France, Spain, or Denmark we have border delays," he says. "If we can reduce the border costs, that's a plus."

Border delays are the bane of business in the European market right now. A European Economic Community (EEC) study figures that up to \$1 billion a year is lost just in these delays.

The EEC recently compared a 750-mile trip within Britain with a 750-mile trip from London to Milan. Inside Britain the trip took 36 hours. From London to Milan (excluding time lost for the Channel crossing) it took 58 hours. Moreover, because of "cabotage" rules aimed at protecting national trucking companies, the driver would have to return from Milan empty or partly loaded.

Such hassles, the EEC estimates, cause companies simply to forego Common Market commerce, meaning up to \$19 billion in trade is being lost. Not surprisingly, EEC economists estimate that only companies that can drum up quite sizable Common Market business find it worthwhile to bother.

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Israel's political blocs spruce up their dowdy images

By George D. Moffett III

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM: Israel's leading political blocs have spruced up their dowdy images.

Labour and Likud have emerged from recent nominating conventions looking more youthful and energetic; as new names were put near the top of party lists for November's election to the Israeli Knesset (parliament). But some people are skeptical over the political excitement generated by the conventions. They see the results as a triumph of style over substance.

"The new game in town is new faces," says Hebrew University political scientist Yitzhak Gal-nor. "But the political message is the same."

According to this view, the vigorous image now projected by the two parties has more to do with personalities than policies, leaving neither of the major blocs better equipped to deal with pressing problems such as the Palestinian intifadah (uprising), a troubled social-services sector, and Israel's image abroad.

Moreover, democratic "reforms" in the list-making process, adopted a decade ago by Likud and emulated this year by Labour, may have unintended negative side effects.

On the most pressing election issue — how to achieve a Mideast peace — Israeli voters remain trapped, analysts say. One party (Likud) rejects the idea of returning occupied Arab lands for peace. The other (Labour) remains wedded to the so-called "Jordanian option" which would have King Hussein speak for the Palestinians. Analysts consider this an anachronism in the wake of the uprising in the territories which has escalated Palestinian demands for self-determination.

Under the election system, the greater the percentage of votes a party gets, the more of its candidates win seats. And the higher a candidate's name is on the party list, the more certain is his election.

Recent party nominating conventions have catapulted a younger generation of activists into top spots on the Knesset lists that will be put to the voters in November. The list will also produce the next crop of ministers to govern Israel.

In the top group on the Likud list are Zeev Binyamin Begin, son of former prime minister Menachem Begin, and former United Nations Ambassador Binyamin Netanyahu. The two join Dan Meridor and Ehud Olmert, already Knesset members, to form the core of Likud's successor generation.

The changes have been more striking in the Labour Party, which not only added new faces

but democratized its nomination process by turning it over to the party's 1,200-member central committee.

The result has helped revamp the party's stodgy, aging, elitist image. Once dominated by Ashkenazim (Jews of European descent), the party now has a Knesset list composed 30 percent of Sephardic (Oriental) Jews such as Amir Peretz and Eli Dayan. The leading casualty of the reform was the party's urbane intellectual and former foreign minister, Abba Eban.

Over the long term, the presence of attractive new personalities may wean voters from their nearly tribal loyalties to the two main parties, forcing both to subordinate ideology to pragmatism.

In the shorter term, the vaunted political reforms have brought as many problems as blessings.

The accession of Likud's "princes" — so called because several, like Begin, are sons of prominent politicians — has done little to make it receptive to new ideas.

"The only difference between (party leader Yitzhak) Shamir and Netanyahu is their dates of birth," one skeptical Israeli journalist complains.

Moreover, this year's nominating process was accompanied by fierce factional infighting, a possible harbinger of major bloodletting to come when Shamir finally retires.

"There's no revolution," says Arye Naor, an Israeli journalist and former Likud Cabinet

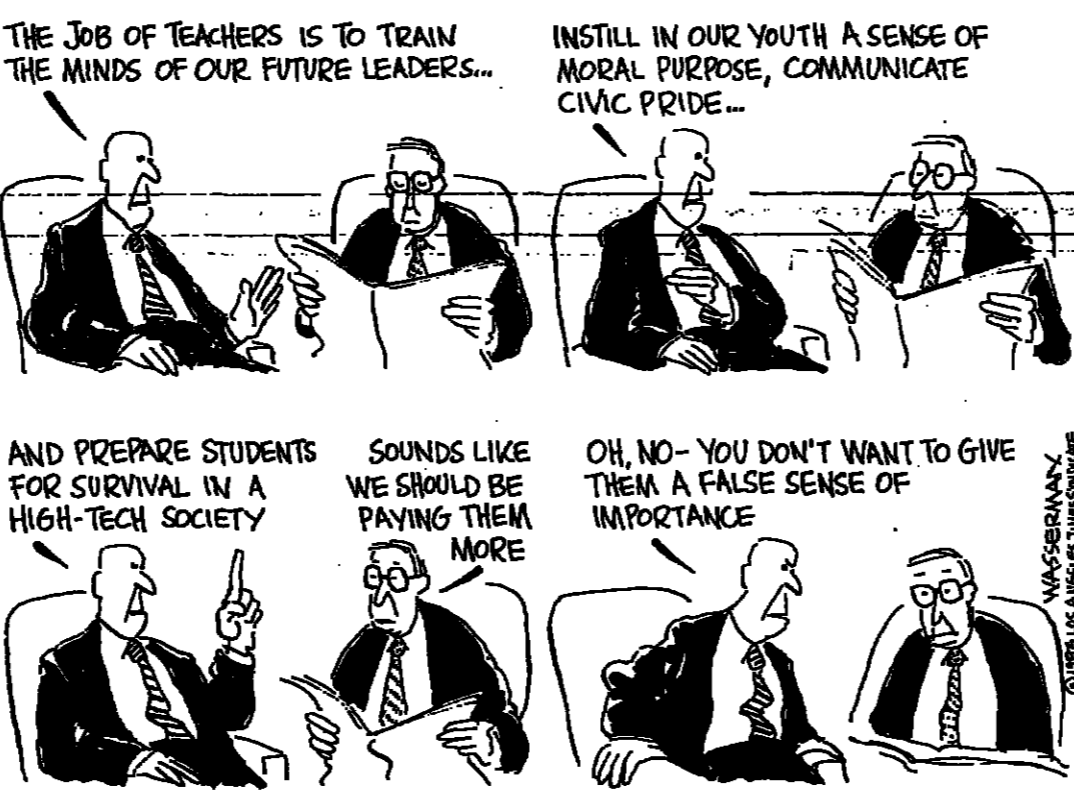
secretary. "It's the same old struggle for power between the parties and inside the parties."

Meanwhile, what one observer calls the "quasi-principles" used to nominate the Knesset lists have led to the underrepresentation of women, minorities, and key professions. Few women are on either list; economists, lawyers, and national security specialists, needed to bring expertise to committees, are generally passed over in favour of career politicians. Thus, at the party central committee level, members were just as prone to pass over women, Druze, Arabs, and immigrants as was the small group of party elders who formerly wrote the list.

The nominating system has also created its own spoils system. Candidates who win places high enough on the Knesset list to receive ministerial positions are under pressure to reward supporters on both parties' central committees with jobs or government contracts.

One Israeli observer says the new Knesset lists may simply reflect the increased polarization of Israeli voters produced by the Palestinian intifadah. Thus, the slightly more hawkish look to the Likud list is intended to prevent defections to splinter parties of the right. The reverse is true for the Labour Party, which is seeking to hold the votes of "the hundred thousand people dithering between Labour and Ratz," the left-wing civil rights movement, the observer says.

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Poland of today is the Soviet Union of tomorrow

By Paul Quinn-Judge

WARSAW: At times, during Mikhail Gorbachev's Polish visit, it was hard to avoid the feeling that the Poland of today is the Soviet Union of tomorrow. On balance this is not an optimistic thought.

First impressions are overwhelmingly in Poland's favour. Warsaw seems brighter and more affluent than Moscow. Restaurants are luxurious by comparison. The hotels are somewhat better, and you don't have to endure the irritation of a security check when you enter them.

Then there is the delightful novelty of being able to travel wherever you wish in the country.

Moscow-based journalists have to request permission, not always granted, at least 48 hours ahead of time, and then stick rigidly to their declared itinerary. If you drive, you are checked at frequent intervals by the police.

In a four-hour drive from Krakow to Warsaw I noticed one booth that had probably been used in the past for checks: A chubby civilian was sleeping in it, his bare feet sticking out the door.

On the other hand, the economy is in a mess. People seem cynical at the chances of any reform working. And some observers seem to be waiting for either a political explosion or economic collapse, or both.

Politically active Poles express a sort of indulgent interest in Soviet reform. This indulgence is

partly perhaps an echo of what Fyodor Dostoyevsky used to call "Polish arrogance" toward his country. But much of it probably comes from a type of post-reform fatigue.

Poland has already been through reform, a Polish journalist commented. "And it did not work."

The few Soviet observers who pay any attention to Poland feel that what the Poles have seen is conservative reform — one that cannot and will not touch the heart of the matter, the political system.

The Polish political climate seems very different from that in the Soviet Union. If Marxist idealism is enjoying a revival in the Soviet Union, in Poland it seems dead.

Inactivity

Political inactivity in Poland seems to be the preserve of anticommunists, or at the very least noncommunists. In the Soviet Union, on the other hand, you can still find a lot of intellectuals who believe there is a chance — albeit slender — of reforming the system and creating a humane, non-authoritarian form of socialism.

Anticommunist Poles and some Soviet Marxists share one complaint. Speaking of the political openness in Poland today, a Polish intellectual remarked that you can say whatever you want in the news media, but achieve nothing.

Soviet journalists say much the same thing. Both are faced with bureaucracies that have made an art of inactivity. In both places, for example, nonformal political

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1658 — League of the Rhine is established under French protection after France's King Louis XIV fails to be elected Holy Roman Emperor. Sweden's King Charles X begins second war with Denmark and besieges Copenhagen.
- 1744 — Second Silesian War begins with invasion of Saxony by Prussia's King Frederick II.
- 1834 — South Australia Act is passed by Britain's parliament, allowing for establishment of colony there.
- 1906 — Britain and China sign convention on Tibet.
- 1914 — Japan issues ultimatum to Germany for evacuation of Kiau-Chow, Shantung, in north China; Panama Canal is opened officially.
- 1918 — United States and Russia sever diplomatic relations.
- 1947 — Independence of India is proclaimed, partitioning India, with Pandit Nehru as premier of India and Liaquat Ali Khan as premier of Pakistan.
- 1957 — Cheddi Jagan forms government in British Guiana following success of People's Progressive Party in elections.
- 1961 — East German workers begin to build Berlin wall.
- 1962 — The Netherlands and Indonesia settle new Guinea dispute.
- 1969 — Saboteurs blow up an oil pipeline in Israeli city of Haifa.
- 1974 — Wife of South Korea's President Park Chung-Hae is killed in Seoul by assassin's bullet evidently intended for her husband.
- 1986 — India's Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi warns that his country's progress and unity are threatened by rising sectarian violence.

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Khushoggi: bouncing back in style

ADNAN KHUSHOGGI, the millionaire arms dealer, would like you to know that he is back in a big way.

Unperturbed by persistent rumors that he is verging on bankruptcy — down to his last helicopter, it was said — the 40-year-old recently threw a discreet title party on his estate overlooking Marbella, in Spain.

Nothing, you understand, that might court hateful publicity. Just 250 friends, some hired help in modestly jeweled oriental costume, a host of busty mermaids to rot in the pool, an army of security men and a troupe of chorus girls.

Among those friends, were some famous jet-set faces. Ex-queen Soraya of Iran, movie star George Hamilton and Prince Ferdinand von Bismarck for instance.

Dress was coolly formal, as befits a man synonymous with good taste. Khushoggi's wife, Lamia, appeared in a £100,000 Yves St Laurent dress labelled 'A homage to Van Gogh's painting The Irises'.

The frock, which indeed portrays several irises, was a subtle backcloth for the main attraction, her ruby and diamond necklaces and bracelets.

Implicated

Some maintain that Khushoggi, who was implicated in the Iran-Contra scandal — the American arms-for-hostages scandal — is at pains to demonstrate that his scrape with non-billionsaire status was no more than a cash-flow crisis.

His awesome £46 million yacht Nabila was one casualty — sold to New York property man Donald Trump.

Before his £1 million party to mark his 53rd birthday, photographers and gossip writers were invited to a pre-party party.

Wearing beach shorts and sandals, they were chauffeured to the front door in caravans of Mercedes.

His wife Lamia, jangling jewels, shook hands.

There were no restrictions. Everyone was allowed to walk wide-eyed around the magnificent house, packed with art treasures and priceless trinkets.



Lamia and Adnan Khushoggi. She is wearing a Yves St Laurent dress inspired by Van Gogh's Irises.

Faced with this crowd, baying for bits of information no outsiders could possibly get, Khushoggi did not get angry and emotional, but merely blinked benignly.

Maybe it has something to do with the power of money, but Khushoggi seemed to be surrounded by fiercely loyal

retainers.

They would not reveal how the inexorable Khushoggi money machine works. 'We really don't know ... we know nothing about that,' they said politely.

Meanwhile, Khushoggi glided around as if on casters, seemingly open, yet revealing nothing and always calm and in control.

So in control that some paparazzi believed they were scoring a coup over their host when they sneaked into the Khushoggi matrimonial bedroom and shot off some snaps.

The photos have already been sold to a colour magazine for £20,000.

Seeing an ungrateful fellow profit from his generosity by such a sum is beside the point for Khushoggi. A mere £20,000 was always small change for him, and he intends it to be that way again.

He even revealed that he was not going to be boisterous much longer, casually pointing out models of a new tub he is having built.

The old Nabila had a crew of 70, a helipad, pool, theatre, disco. The new boat will have two helipads and two satellite systems — and cost £200 million.

Such a floating palace surely deserves a more romantic name than Nabila 2. Lamia 1, perhaps?



Daughter Nabila sported a clock-face coiffure.



The Duke and Duchess of York: their baby is fifth in line to the British throne

Fergie's baby dents King Olav's chances!

By Gregory Jensen

LONDON, (UPI) — The Duke and Duchess of York's new baby automatically is fifth in line for the British throne, thus diminishing still further the chances of King Olav V of Norway and Prince Dimitri Karadjordjevic of Yugoslavia.

Both Olav and Dimitri are in the direct line of succession to the British crown, though they're rather far down the line. There is only one heir apparent to Queen Elizabeth II's throne — Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales, the new baby's uncle.

But below Charles stretches a line of 59 potential heirs in which women lose out to men. Roman Catholics are rigidly excluded and children born out of wedlock never can figure.

The older precedes the younger. The male precedes the female. The closer precedes the more distant. The illegitimate cannot succeed.

Charles precedes Prince Andrew, the new father, because he is older. Princes William and Henry of Wales, second and third in line, moved Andrew down to No. 4 because they are sons of the heir, and thus closer to Charles's blood than brother Andrew.

By that same reasoning, the new baby slips into the line ahead of Prince Edward, the queen's third son and Andrew's younger brother.

Disaster. Edward, however, ranks above his sister, Princess Anne, even though she is 13 years older. Male precedes female.

Always the succession is determined by blood, so royal family members by marriage — like Princess Diana and Duchess 'Fergie' herself — have no place in the line of succession.

If some unimaginable disaster were to wipe out the queen's children and all their children, the line jumps back up to the queen's sister, Princess Margaret. She is now 10th, followed by her son, Viscount Linley, and daughter, Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones.

Then, if no members of Elizabeth's direct family were available, the line reverts to her cousins — the Gloucesters, Kents and Harewoods. There are 25 of these — but that number does not include Prince Michael of Kent.

Michael took himself out of the line of succession by marrying a Catholic. The Act of Succession, passed in 1701 and still very much in force, rules that anyone in line for the throne can marry as often as he or she likes, and may marry a Jew or a Muslim or a member of any faith — but not a Roman Catholic.

Prince Michael's wife remains a Catholic, but she agreed that their children would be raised as Anglicans. So Lord Frederick and Lady Gabriella Windsor are 21st and

22nd in line. Once the queen's cousins and their children are exhausted, the line of succession jumps back to Elizabeth's great-grandfather, King Edward VII. That devolves the succession onto King Olav of Norway, Edward's grandson. Olav, 85, is Elizabeth's first cousin once removed, and is now 37th in line to the British throne.

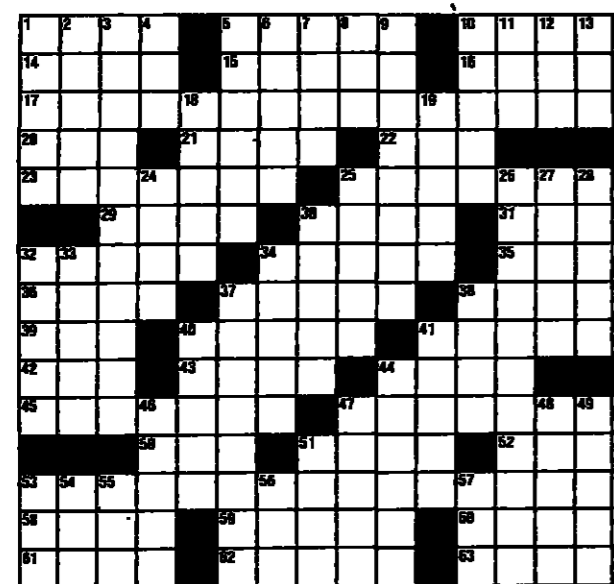
Eleven other members of the Norwegian royal family follow.

Then, in the furthest reaches of the list — and beyond all conceivable realms of possibility — come the descendants of Queen Victoria's second son, Prince Alfred.

Alfred married into the Russian imperial family, from which descended the now-deposed royal families of Romania and Yugoslavia.

That makes Princess Maria of Romania 53rd in line for the British throne, and Prince Dimitri the last of seven Yugoslav princes and princesses named Karadjordjevic who occupy Nos. 54 through 60 in line.

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| 29 Angered | 14 Jogger | 47 Skier's brew |
| 30 Cooking herb | 15 Blower of a type | 48 Ireland's — De Valera |
| 31 Citizen of Sodom | 24 Seasoned hands | 49 Ed's. notations |
| 32 Equity member | 25 Puts something aside | 51 Ladder part |
| 34 Act of kindness | 26 Merry monarch of rhyme | 53 Mineral matter |
| 35 JFK's predecessor | 27 "The Thinker" sculptor | 54 Animal sound |
| 36 Expressions of contempt | | 55 Expected to arrive |
| 37 Actress Terry | | 56 Small fellow |
| 38 Playground pace | | 57 Fodder |
| 39 Kennel sound | | |
| 40 Actor Jannings and others | | |
| 41 Certain siblings | | |
| 42 Actor Erwin | | |
| 43 Spiel | | |
| 44 Actor Connelly | | |
| 45 Food portion | | |
| 47 Modifications | | |
| 50 Resident of: Suffix | | |
| 51 Stadium sound | | |
| 52 Mouser | | |
| 53 Foster song, with "My" | | |
| 58 Liberate | | |
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
DISCOVER THE MISSING CARD

Neither vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH

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♥ A 8 7
♦ 8 7 6 2
♣ Q 10 4 3

WEST

♠ 7
♥ K J 6 5 4 3 2
♦ J 10
♣ J 8 5

EAST

♠ A 5 4
♥ 10 9
♦ A Q 9 4 3
♣ K 9 6

SOUTH

♠ Q 10 9 8 6 3 2
♥ Q
♦ K 5
♣ A 7 2

The bidding:

North East South West
Pass 1 NT 2 ♠ 2 NT
Db! Pass 4 ♠ Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♣

How you play some card combinations is purely a matter of guesswork. At other times, learning as much as possible about the hand can help you arrive at the winning solution.

East-West were using weak no trump opening bids. Even so, West's decision to try to buy the contract in three hearts via a two no trump relay rather than jump to

game in hearts as a preemptive action does not meet with this department's approval. Since North's double of two no trump promised spade support, South elected to try for game in spades instead of defending.

East won the first trick with the ace of diamonds and returned the suit. Since declarer had to lose a trick to the ace of trumps, the fate of the hand rested on whether declarer could limit his club losers to one.

Did East or West hold the king of clubs? Declarer decided he needed to find out more about the holdings before committing himself. At trick three, declarer led the queen of hearts, and West did well not to cover. Declarer called for dummy's ace and ruffed a heart. A spade to the jack lost to East's ace, and declarer ruffed the diamond continuation high. He crossed to the king of trumps and ruffed another heart, and East's discard was a revelation. Now East had to hold the king of clubs for his opening bid.

The rest was easy. Declarer drew the last trump, cashed the ace of clubs and, with a heart full of hope, led a club to the ten. When that fetched the king, all was well.

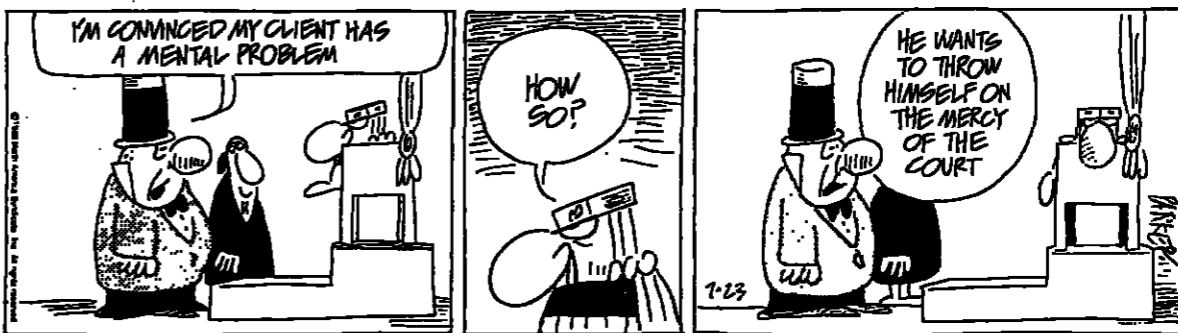
PETS

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"You can have that three-legged one for \$7.50."

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

<p>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</p> <p>You will not feel like doing very much and you will have to do your best to overcome this reluctance. You will however be better able to deal with a predicament. Avoid isolating yourself from what is happening around you. Be moderate.</p>	<p>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</p> <p>You will have to be more careful about those "small" expenses. You should try to avoid coming into conflict with a colleague who is in a bad mood. Make sure you watch out for careless drivers. Be methodical.</p>	<p>Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)</p> <p>This is going to be a most important day for you and should make sure you concentrate hard. You should not believe all you hear. Beware of thinking that buying something cheap necessarily saves in the long run. Be objective.</p>	<p>Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19</p> <p>You will have to make sure you do not succumb to what is in fact only a small impediment. You should try to exercise just a little more caution. What seemed like a good opportunity in fact is nothing of the kind. Be generous.</p>
<p>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</p> <p>You will not be in the best of moods and must avoid getting into an argument. You should not allow something of secondary importance to take up too much of your time and attention.</p>	<p>Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)</p> <p>You will be able to do something that is of great importance to you. Make sure you do not let a friend down. Avoid allowing your attention to wander and do not squander your energies. Be resilient.</p>	<p>Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)</p> <p>Today you will be able to do something to help a friend and you should do so. You should not try to do by force what you have not been able to achieve by persuasion and charm. Do not allow yourself to be invaded by negative thoughts.</p>	<p>Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)</p> <p>You will have to overcome a certain amount of reluctance within yourself. You will be better able to take the initiative. You will have something to be pleased about. Be compassionate.</p>
<p>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</p> <p>You should make sure you do not do anything to upset the harmony with your partner. You should not commit yourself to anything you are not sure about. Try to avoid becoming too intricately involved in other people's affairs.</p>	<p>Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)</p> <p>You should not expect others to be interested in every word you say. You for your part should take more notice of what others say. You should try not to get things out of proportion. Be affectionate.</p>	<p>Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)</p> <p>You will be able to have a positive and constructive day. Do not delay something you know should be done right away. Make sure you do not become between two friends. Be flexible.</p>	<p>Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)</p> <p>You will have some good ideas but not all of them are immediately applicable. You should not lose faith in yourself, there is no reason to. Do not do more than you can without exhausting yourself. Be cordial.</p>

Burly Brando weighs in with a big, big comeback

By Mary Kemp

HEAVYWEIGHT superstar Marlon Brando has really got his teeth into his latest role... by trimming a hefty two stone (12.7kg) from his portly frame.

The larger-than-life star, who has spent the last 20 years on his own paradise island drinking coconut milk and dining on giant lobsters, has rarely been tempted out of his semi-retirement.

But now he is back in a BIG way... and is set to pick up a fat pay cheque.

Brando, now 64, is to star in the new movie *Dry White Season*, playing a lawyer who investigates the murder of a South African family's black gardener. It has even been rumoured that he is to donate his multi-million dollar fee to anti-apartheid causes.

After all, it doesn't require too much action from Brando to earn a fairly large fortune.

One of his last memorable impressions on the big screen was in 1978 when he starred in the hit movie *Superman*. He earned a staggering £2,500 a second playing Superman's father, even though he only made a ten minute appearance.

Nowadays it's usually just his figure that leaves the impression.

At 308lbs (139.7kg) the golden boy of the fifties has not aged as gracefully as many of his contemporaries.

But he is, at last, making an effort. Recently he spent a couple of months in Camp Eden health farm in Australia, located in the rain forest of Currumbin Valley, south of Brisbane. It is said to be the world's toughest health farm, and is run by Sean Connery's former wife Diane Cilento.

Embarrassing

Since spending an embarrassing 40 minutes stuck in a lift at the Hyde Park Hotel, in San Francisco, the star of the hit movie *The Godfather* has also been spotted pumping iron in a Hollywood gymnasium frequented by fellow superstars Clint Eastwood and Burt Reynolds.

Brando's battle with the bulge began when he sailed the South Pacific in *Mutiny On The Bounty* in 1971. Within months he had become a real blubbery landlubber. But the movie did see him pick up a fat cheque for £2 million which he used to buy the French Polynesian island of Tetiaroa, 30 miles north of Tahiti.

Since he bought the island he has adopted a hermit-like image, strolling around in bare feet, wearing a poncho and a bevy of beautiful women. For a time he even shared his home with his *Mutiny On The Bounty* co-star Tahitian beauty, Taria Teripaia.

But from a very early age it was evident that Marlon Brando didn't prefer blondes. His first wife was the exotic Anna Kashfi who had the looks of an Indian princess even though she was from Cardiff in Wales.

Mrs Brando Number Two was the stunning Mexican Movita. And somewhere in between was the Puerto Rican actress, Rita Moreno who tried to commit suicide during her affair with Brando. He has at least six children... and probably quite a few more.

His latest dusky maiden is 31-year-old Japanese girlfriend, Yachio Tsubaki, with whom he is rumoured to be contemplating marriage for a third time.

Today's healthy diet of sushi

For years superstar Marlon Brando has been in semi-retirement on his own Tahitian paradise island, eating and drinking his way to a massive 24 stone (152.4kg). But now he has finally shed some weight to star as a legal eagle in the new movie *Dry White Season*... to pick up a very fat pay cheque.



Brando now: a portly 139.7 kilograms pictured in one of his rare public appearances has not aged as gracefully as some of his contemporaries.



Brando then: the golden boy of the Fifties. Whatever happened to that blue-jeaned delinquent who had women flipping all over him.

and seaweed may be putting renewed vigour into one of the world's former sex-symbols but it can't save him from a slightly lesser image.

Now the public image of five feet ten inches (1.77m) tall Brando is one of moodiness.

conceit and downright awkwardness.

So what happened to the fit and hunky blue-jeaned delinquent who had women tripping over their court shoes when he played Stanley Kowalski in *A Streetcar Named Desire*? Or to the rough-and-ready dockworker in *On The Waterfront*, which not only made him a legend but also gave him an Oscar?

Brando once told actress Shelley Winters: "My body generates a great deal of heat." For someone who was born in Omaha, Nebraska where the winters are long and cold this was definitely an advantage. But as his body heat brought the girls and the press flocking to his side it gradually became too much for Brando.

He rarely gives interviews, but on one of the few occasions when someone did get his thoughts down on paper, he revealed: "I'm distressed and having to be worshipped, idolised, hated, scorned and attacked for reasons that are completely inappropriate to what I am. I don't mind being shot down for what I am or for what I have done but I don't want to be straw man for anybody. I hate to be hustled, to have my name peddled through the bazaars of the world."

Like it or not, Marlon Brando was a born actor. Even though he did drive trucks, sell lemonade and operate the lift in a big department store before he hit Broadway at the tender age of 20. And at the height of his fame if he scratched or yawned it made the next day's headlines. His naturalistic style of acting and his mumbling, casual delivery had heralded a new fashionable style of acting.

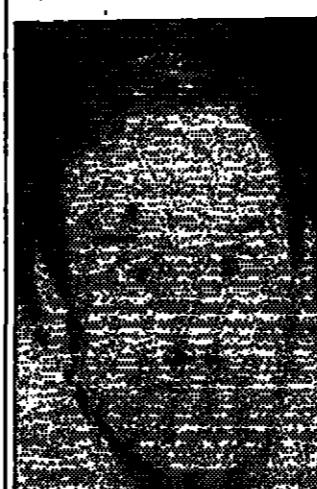
In his film debut in 1950, he revealed his magnetic and rebellious personality when he played an embittered paraplegic in Stanley Kramer's *The Men*. From then on he was known as Hollywood's rebel.

The son of a salesman and amateur actress Brando was expelled from a military academy in Minnesota at the age of 16. Brando recalls the incident with a smile: "I made a bomb of firecrackers and placed it against the door of a teacher. I didn't like." Since then he's never been one of the crowd. An oddball.

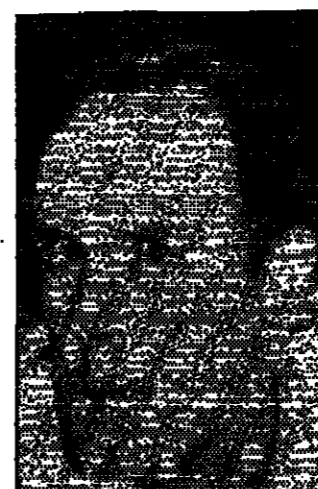
Mumbling through cheeks stuffed with tissue paper, Brando played the Mafia godfather, Don Corleone in *The Godfather*. And in *Apocalypse Now*, a crazy American Army captain who indiscriminately chopped people's heads off.

Off screen his lifestyle gradually became more and more bizarre, too. Apart from sharing his New York flat with a racoon called Russell, who drank chocolate milkshakes and bit people, there were reports that Brando was rounding up stray cats and dogs in an open-topped jeep in St. Tropez, with sex kitten Brigitte Bardot. Then in the early 70's he turned down his second Oscar for his portrayal in the title role *The Godfather*, in protest against the plight of the American Indian. The recluse even became a dedicated radio ham, using a secret code name to talk to people all over the world.

Now he's travelling all over the world himself. To shoot his new film *Dry White Season* Brando has had to travel as far afield as Zimbabwe and London. So maybe a new, lighter, easier approach Brando is just around the corner.



The many faces of John Cleese, star of Britain's most famous TV and film comedies.



Transatlantic touch in new Cleese film

By Matthew Heller

LOS ANGELES, (Reuter): There is a moment in his new film when John Cleese, star of some of Britain's most famous television comedies, seems to be speaking for himself as well as the character he plays.

"Do you have any idea what it's like being English?" his character in the movie *A Fish Called Wanda* exclaims in exasperation. "Being so correct all the time, being so stifled by the dread of doing the wrong thing... we're all so terrified of embarrassment. That's why we're all dead."

"That came from experience," said Cleese, who has made a career out of spotlighting the foibles of the British in the celebrated satirical television shows *Monty Python's Flying Circus* and *Fawlty Towers*.

"We're very scared of emotion because we're brought up to think it's embarrassing," said Cleese, who also wrote the script for *Wanda*.

Many of his characters, in particular the manic hotel proprietor Basil Fawlty, were studies in suppressed rage occasionally vented in hilarious tirades.

But in *A Fish Called Wanda*, Cleese takes a darkly comic look at the British mentality from a different perspective — by contrasting it with that of Americans.

"The Anglo-American thing fascinates me," said the 48-year-old British actor who has

been married twice to American women. "I have a kind of love-hate relationship with both cultures."

Energy
"Americans have a lot of energy and enthusiasm but often it's not very discriminating. At the same time, we have a bit of scepticism... I quite like that aspect but the British are too closed."

Michael Palin, fellow "Monty Python" star who also appears in *Wanda* said: "America was an area Python never really got into. We observed Americans but never appraised the relationship with England. John has tried to do it in the film."

The movie features two American characters, played by Jamie Lee Curtis and Kevin Kline, in a hapless four-member team which pulls off a 20-million-dollar jewel robbery in London.

When their leader George is arrested, his defence is assigned to Archie Leach, a straitlaced English lawyer played by Cleese. To find out where George has hidden the jewels, the brazen Wanda (Curtis) sets out to woo Archie and the most

unlikely of transatlantic romances develops.

The balding, gangly Cleese laughs at the notion of playing a romantic lead. But he adds that the love interest is a crucial part of the film.

Draft
"In the first draft of the script, my character was really wrong because I'd written it for laughs," he said. "Archie was very proper, stuffy and upright."

"Everybody who read the draft said the love story is the emotional heart of the movie. The audience has got to be rooting for Archie. So I simply rewrote the character to be a bit more like me — softer, more vulnerable and affected by Wanda, more romantic about her as opposed to just wanting to get her into bed."

"I was also able to put in a lot of personal stuff such as the speech about being English."

The American experience may not only help liberate Archie but also give the "Python" stars their biggest box-office success. Other movies involving members of the Python team such as *The*

Life of Brian, *The Meaning of Life*, *The Missionary* and *Brazil* were modest hits but failed to reach a wide audience.

Both Cleese and Palin are aware of the potential of having two American stars as well as a big Hollywood studio involved in the film.

Curtis' credits include *Trading Places* and *Perfect* while Kline has won acclaim for *Sophie's Choice* and *The Big Chill*. MGM put up \$7.3 million for *Wanda*.

"We definitely hope this will widen the audience beyond that previously held by Python movies," Palin said.

Early signs are promising. *Wanda* has received glowing reviews and grossed over \$100,000 when it appeared in just three cinemas during its first weekend of release.

But Cleese is not about to get carried away with any American-style enthusiasm over the commercial prospects.

"I have all the money I need thanks to video arts," he said, referring to his successful training film production company. "I don't have any ambitions professionally. I must be the only person in this town who doesn't have a pet project," he added.

"I've done films and shows for 25 years and there's a very good chance this (*Wanda*) will be the most successful film," said Cleese. "But what I want to do now is sit back and decide what to do for the next 25 years. There's a lot of longevity in my family."

Quinn relishes latest role at 72

By Carolyn Oxlee

FIGUERES, Spain, (Reuter): At 72, actor Anthony Quinn is playing the part of a lusty, drunken old artist — and he loves it.

Quinn, best known for his leading role in *Zorba the Greek* is himself an artist in his spare time. He accepted this latest film role as Mauricio, a passionate Spanish painter, because it came close to one of his ambitions — to play Picasso.

"I've been trying to do Picasso for about 10 years... I was very frustrated because I haven't been able to get a script, so I took out my frustration by playing another painter," Quinn said in a recent interview.

Quinn, whose last few roles have included Long John Silver in a modern version of *Treasure Island* and violin maker Stradivarius, has starred in classics such as *Lawrence of Arabia*, *Jesus of Nazareth*, *The Guns of Navarone* and *Attila the Hun*.

Attitudes

His portrayal of artist Paul Gauguin in the 1956 film *Last of Life* gave him one of his two Oscars.

Quinn's latest role as an earthy Catalan painter in *A Man of Passion* is only the second time he has played an artist in 250 film appearances.

Written and directed by one of the few Spanish directors who work in the English language, Jose Antonio de la Loma, the film tells of the relationship between the old artist and his 12-year-old grandson, a budding concert pian-

ist, who comes to stay one summer.

The movie also focuses on attitudes to death, which the ebullient painter believes to be a "wonderful experience" akin to artistic creation.

A keen painter and sculptor himself, Quinn has just finished a stone sculpture commissioned by the Canadian government.

He has been described as being unconventional and a risk-taker in his acting, but he says his painting has been held back by convention.

"I think I've found a certain freedom in acting, writing and sculpture, but not in painting," he said, adding that he hoped playing an artist would help inspire his painting.

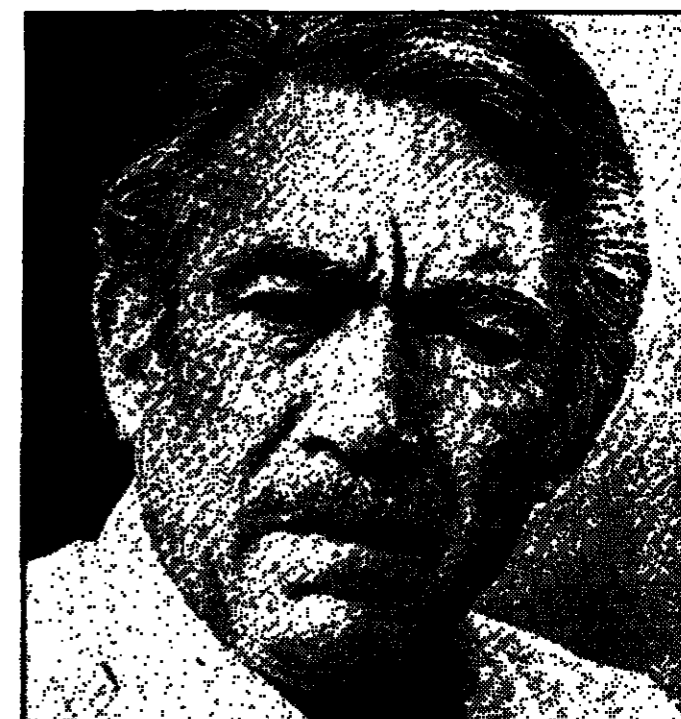
"I think I'm at a standstill at the moment with my painting and I hope that enough material from this will drift over into my private life and I will find a new style in painting," Quinn said.

Plot

In the movie Mauricio instructs the boy to burn all but his best 10 paintings after his death. "I think that's what I'll do," said Quinn with a laugh. "I think I'll just keep the best and instruct my sons to destroy all the rest."

Set and filmed near the Catalan coast in north-east Spain, the film also stars Swedish actress Maud Adams — the only woman to star in two James Bond films.

The plot of the movie involves Mauricio's pursuit of an elusive, beautiful woman in the streets of Catalan, whose image he finally manages to capture on canvas.



Anthony Quinn: playing the part of a lusty, drunken old artist in *A Man of Passion*

The frequently drunk painter is also portrayed in several sexual encounters with young women and Quinn said he loves playing the role of lusty grandfather.

Mauricio tells the young piano player: "Work when you are filled with passion: it's the only way to keep your work alive."

To those who know *Zorba the Greek*, this may sound rather familiar, but the film's director De la Loma said that the only real connection between the two films was that they both star "eccentric, lusty characters who sing out loud uninhibited and enjoy throwing a good glass of wine down their throats."

Quinn, who was born in Chichauhua, Mexico in 1916 and started acting when he was 19,

said he is getting more job offers now than 10 years ago, but plans to retire in a few years' time.

Recent film offers include the role of Spanish eccentric knight errant Don Quixote, and he is working on three stage plays.

De la Loma, who will celebrate 40 years of film-making in November when *A Man of Passion* is due to arrive on US screens, said he thought the public had had enough of action films and wanted a return to the portrayal of feelings and relationships.

Quinn said he admired De la Loma's treatment of death as a marvellous voyage. He said most Americans were afraid of death, more so than Europeans, and that the director's mature treatment of it had influenced his own attitudes. "I bought a tomb," he said.



FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

NASAL TISSUE CAN BECOME DEPENDENT ON NOSE SPRAYS

QUESTION: I was reading in a magazine that the constant use of nose sprays can be addicting. How is it possible that a nose spray can lead to an addiction?

ANSWER: If you consider the definition of the word "addiction" to mean the habitual use of a substance upon which the body comes to depend, then we can proceed with an explanation. I am sure the article you read was referring to a condition called rhinitis medicamentosa.

Before I get into this condition itself let me describe rhinitis. This condition features a runny, stuffy and itchy nose accompanied by a dry mouth and sneezing. It is caused by inflammation of the nasal tissue along with enlargement of the blood vessels that run inside the tissue.

Nasal sprays are used to make the blood vessels contract which, in turn, reduces the amount of inflammation. When the sprays are used constantly over a long period of time, say one to two weeks, the tissues become dependent on the medication to keep the blood vessels shrunken, and the inflammation controlled.

Unfortunately, when you stop using the sprays, control is lost, the vessels will enlarge once again and the runny nose returns. This time though, it is not due to the illness, but to the nasal tissues' dependence or "addiction" to the nose spray. This is the condition called rhinitis medicamentosa or rebound rhinitis.

As a matter of fact, if you take the same medicine (decongestant) that was contained in the spray, in tablet form, the rebound condition does not occur. People with bad allergies or other medical conditions that can lead to symptoms of rhinitis should be evaluated by their doctor and followed closely in order to keep adequate control over the medications they use.

Remember, while using over-the-counter medications for a short period of time for minor maladies is safe, long-term, continual applications bring on unwanted effects. If that happens to you, or if runny and stuffy nose symptoms persist over a long period of time, it is wise to check with your doctor, to make certain something more serious is not developing.

QUESTION: How can you tell if a child's

burns result from abuse?

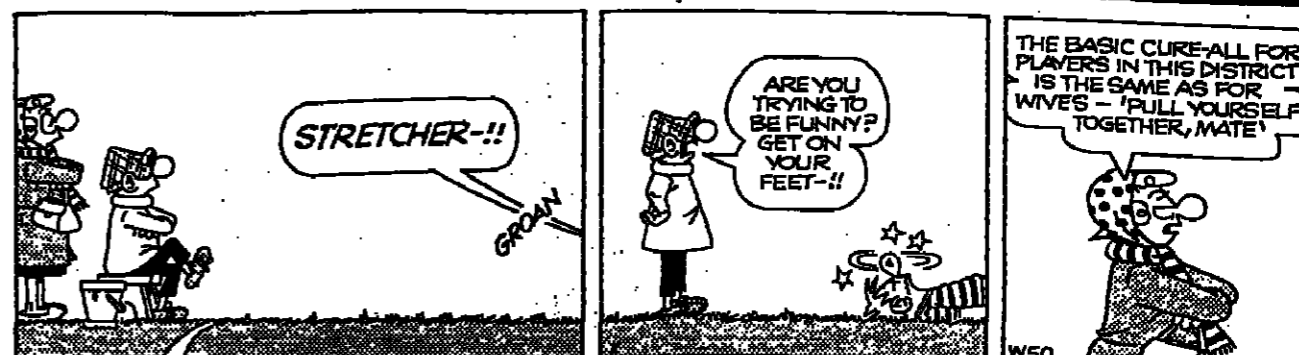
ANSWER: Child abuse is a sad fact of life and we all must be aware of this possibility when a child has been injured in any way. Accidents account for the majority of severe burns to children; however, there are signs that may point to child abuse in certain cases. Most abused children are between 18 months and 36 months old. Any delay in bringing a child in for medical attention or the child being brought in by someone other than the parent are important signals to health-care workers. Another clue is when the story of how the incident happened changes or doesn't match the injury.

The most common abusive burn injuries in children are immersion burns, caused by forcibly putting a child in a tub of scalding water. Unlike an accidental scalding from a knocked-over pot, the burn marks are even. Scalds to both hands or feet that resemble stockings or gloves are unlikely to occur to a small child by accident. Another abusive burn is contact burns — such as cigarette burns — in spots that the child cannot reach.

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Independence Day of India

AN ARAB TIMES SUPPLEMENT

Venkatarman urges Indians to practise tolerance, friendship, amity

Let communal hatred belong to the past

TODAY we are celebrating the Forty-First Anniversary of our Independence. On this auspicious occasion I extend my warm felicitations to all Indian nationals, residing within and outside the country.

'August 15' is a date with emotional appeal.

As we look back over the four decades of 'Swaraj' we can drive legitimate pride over the fact that self-rule has come to be truly and firmly established in our country. The democratic form of governance — which is based on the principle of self-restraint — has taken firm and unshakable root in our soil.

Eight general elections have been held in the country since Independence, apart from numerous other elections to State Legislatures and individual by-elections. All these have shown the maturity and decisiveness of the Indian electorate.

A polity has thus come into being in India which represents and reflects Indian opinion in all its vibrant diversity.

The tree of Indian Democracy is strong today, but like all trees this one also attracts the illicit woodcutters' eye. I refer to certain elements in our society which for their selfish and narrow ends seek to

undercut and undermine the electoral process. No words can be too strong to condemn the saboteurs of parliamentary democracy in our country.

To interfere with and thereby to seek to thwart the mechanism of the ballot is to lay an axe at the very foundations of our polity. Political parties whether ruling or in opposition have a grave responsibility for ensuring fair and free elections.

I would also like to share with fellow-citizens today my fervent hope that the elected representatives of our people will always so act as to justify the trust reposed in them.

As you are also aware, the rhythms of normal activity in some parts of the country have been repeatedly disrupted by terrorist attacks which leave a trail of innocent blood.

Simple men, women and children who have nothing to do with politics, much less with the politics of extremism, are the victims of these attacks.

The killing in Punjab of those who have spoken up for communal harmony and the unity of our country, has caused the greatest anguish to me.

Government is, of course, addressing itself to the task of meeting the terrorist challenge at many levels. But violence

cannot be met or countered by any quarter other than by the people themselves refusing to be cowed down into fear or hatred.

I would urge our people to continue to hold fast to the values of tolerance, friendship and amity that have marked our national life down the ages. Let communal hatreds which are aberrations in our national life, belong to the past. And may peace prevail in the country.

The outlook for world peace, in the meantime, has taken a positive turn. In the area of disarmament, the exchange of the instruments of ratification of the INF Treaty at the Moscow Summit has been a welcome development. There is a growing realisation by all the peoples and almost all the Governments of the world, of the urgent need to rid the world of nuclear weapons.

It is to further this objective that India proposed a time-bound action plan for ushering in a nuclear weapon-free and non-violent world order at the recently held third special session of the United Nations General Assembly devoted to disarmament.

Last year, when I addressed you on the eve of Independence

Day, the nation was in the grip of a serious drought.

It is gratifying that notwithstanding that lean period and a resultant decline in grain production, our strong buffer stock and efficient public distribution system absorbed the shock. We are happy that despite the severe drought the food production was lower only by less 5 per cent as compared to the previous year.

Likewise, despite the setback caused by drought the industrial sector achieved a growth of about 8 per cent and our over-all power generation increased by seven-and-a-half per cent over the previous year.

This year the monsoons have been favourable. I am confident that widespread and copious rains will restore the peace of progress in all sectors. While the overall position in respect of the monsoons is heartening, the havoc caused by floods in Assam, Bihar, U.P. and Gujarat have distressed us all deeply. They point, once more, to the need for a long-term plan for dealing with such natural calamities.

Be it disaster-relief or disaster-avoidance, or be it any other area of activity, the agencies of the State and the people must pool their resources and



R. Venkataraman, President of India.

work together. Nationhood consists of a partnership between the people of a country and its government.

This partnership cannot function without both proceeding in unison. Let us then march, shoulder to shoulder and hand in hand, towards a fulfilment of our Swaraj through self-rule and self-restraint.

I will conclude with a stanza composed by Namakkal Ramalingam Pillai, the illustrious Tamil Poet, whose birth centenary falls this year.

"Never forgetting Gandhi, Never abandoning compassion, Never deviating from the path of truth and peace, Let our country's freedom be a beaconlight unto all mankind."

Jai Hind
Message of R. Venkataraman, President of India.

Despite drought, economy shows overall growth

ON this the 41st anniversary of our Independence I am extremely happy to greet my fellow Indians in Kuwait.

The past 12 months have, perhaps, been the most unenviable in our history as an independent nation. Most of India was seriously affected by an unprecedented drought last year whose immediate effects and aftereffects are, normally, felt over the succeeding years.

Fortunately, we have been able to take the drought in our stride and still record an overall growth in our economy. This is something that can only be a matter of immense satisfaction and justifiable pride — to both the government and the people of our country.

It is, among other things, a tribute to the process of planning which over the decades has enabled India's economy to imbibe a sufficient degree of flexibility to absorb the stresses and strains generated by events such as the drought of last year.

It is also highly complimentary to the people of India who

have shown a tremendous resilience, fortitude as well as maturity in successfully coping with the ravages of drought.

This year's monsoon which has, so far, been kind and generous throughout the entire length and breadth of the country should prove invaluable in restoring the country's economy to top gear.

Internally, though the challenge and threat to our democratic structure and unity continues in certain parts of the country, at the same time, the last 12 months have witnessed an equally determined effort on the part of the government and the people of the country to contain such threats and to reiterate their firm faith and resolve to protect our most precious heritage.

As we come to the 41st anniversary of our freedom, we discern, in fact, the happy and successful resolution of, at least, some of these challenges.

Externally, we continue to remain steadfast in our commitment to the principles of



N.N. Jha, Ambassador of India to Kuwait.

Nonalignment and our belief in ever increasing South-South co-operation and among the countries of the Third World. I am particularly happy that we observe the 41st anniversary of our Independence, our close friend Kuwait, which is host to over 100,000 Indian nationals, is about to enter a more relaxed and happy period in the history of this region.

We are confident that the advent of peace in this region will further expand the horizon of Indo-Kuwaiti co-operation and result in further enriching the quality and content of Indo-Kuwaiti relations.

Jai Hind
Message from N.N. Jha, Ambassador of India to Kuwait.

AFTER a long and unprecedented struggle for freedom led by Mahatma Gandhi, the apostle of truth and non-violence, India became an independent nation on 15 August 1947. Jawaharlal Nehru, the country's first Prime Minister and close associate of the Mahatma, proclaimed:

"It's a fateful moment for us in India, for all Asia and for the world. A new star rises, the star of freedom in the East, a new hope comes into being, a vision long cherished materialises. May the star never set and that hope never be betrayed!"

In the four decades since that fateful moment, the people of India have shown their deep commitment to freedom and the democratic way of life in successive general elections.

Their commitment draws inspiration from the principles guiding the country's struggle for independence and its ancient traditions of giving the highest importance to the freedom and dignity of the individual.

As the world's largest democracy, India is justifiably proud of its constitution, adopted on 26 November 1949 and dedicated to securing justice, liberty and equality for all its citizens.

Its dynamism and flexibility have facilitated the process of needed social and economic changes within a democratic framework and in harmony with the country's ancient heritage.

Every sixth human being in the world is an Indian. 730 million people inhabit a country with an area of over one and a quarter million square miles. It stretches 2,000 miles from the cold heights of the Himalayas in the north to the warm waters of the Indian Ocean surrounding Kanya Kumari (Cape Comorin) in the south.

Complexities

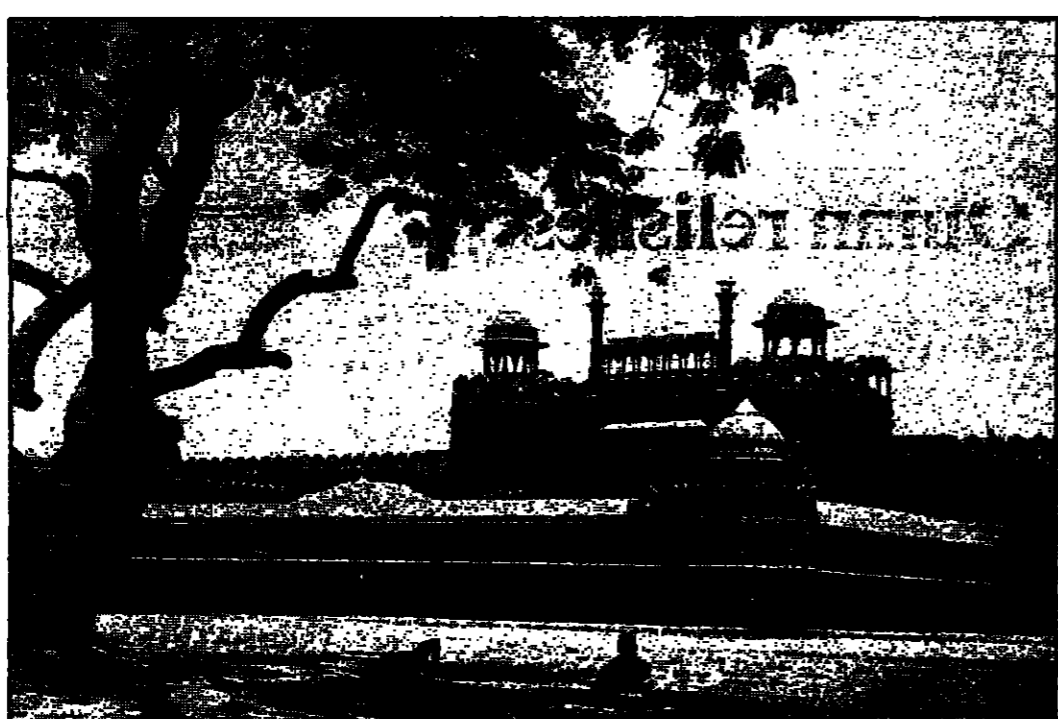
Few people realise the complexities of conducting country-wide elections in such a large and diverse land with four-fifths of the population living in over half a million villages; many of them remote and inaccessible.

It is a tribute to the political system that, notwithstanding the obstacles of distance and lack of communications, rural India plays its due role in the electoral process with commendable political consciousness and maturity.

The faith of the people in democracy is evident from the large turnout in successive elections. 80 million voters, comprising about 46 per cent of the electorate voted in the first General Election in 1952. 202.5 million people, representing 55.6 per cent of the electorate, cast their votes in the last general elections in December 1984.

While freedom from colonial rule and commitment of free elections as an integral part of the political process ushered in new era in India, India's leaders recognised that for

World's largest democracy secures justice, liberty for all



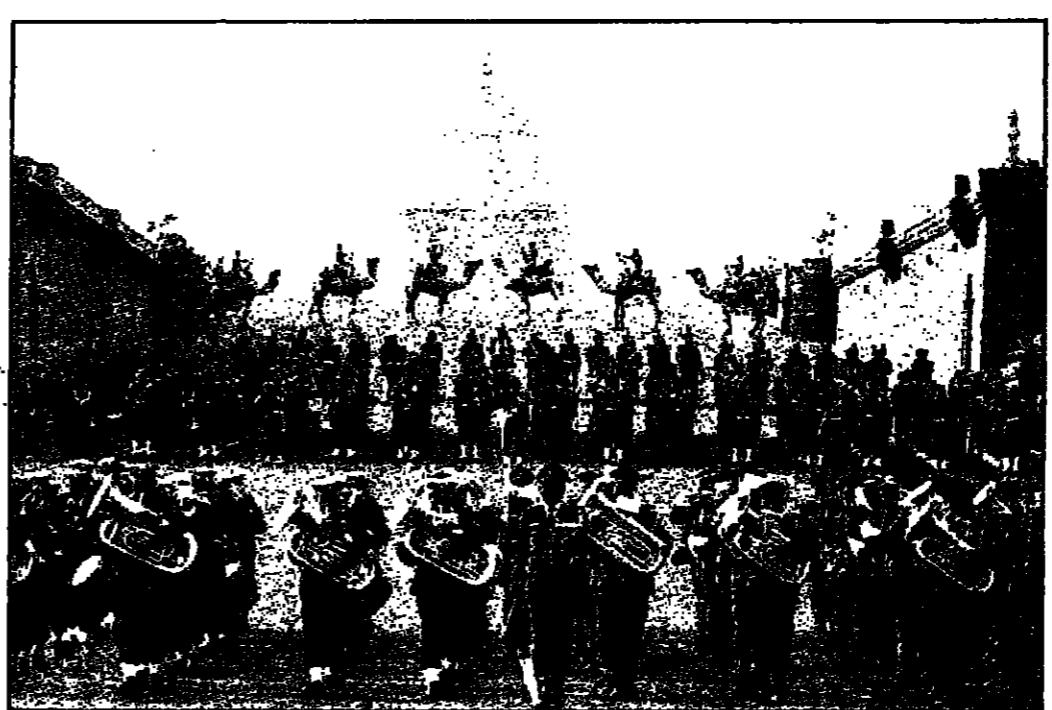
The Red Fort, built by the Mughals in New Delhi, proudly displaying the flag of independent India.

freedom to be meaningful to the people of India, there had to be a commitment to improving the quality of their life.

Jawaharlal Nehru thus remarked: "We talk of freedom, but today political freedom does

not take us far unless there is economic freedom. Indeed, there is no such freedom as freedom for a man who is starving or for a country which is poor. The poor, whether they are nations or individuals, have little place in this world."

This realisation led to a sustained drive to increase agricultural and industrial production while simultaneously attempting to bring the benefits of economic progress, education



Smart turn-out for the Independence Day parade in New Delhi.

and better health care to the people of India.

In the four decades since India took the path of planned economic growth, not only have there been structural, and indeed revolutionary changes

in the economy, but the life expectancy and hope for a better future for the average citizen have visibly improved.

The country has made significant strides in attaining agricultural self-sufficiency

and moving toward industrial self-reliance.

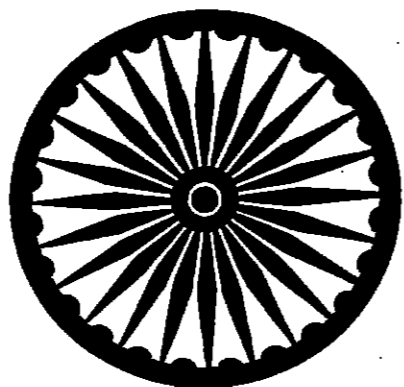
India today, is not only self-reliant in foodgrains, but also a net exporter. The success achieved in agricultural production was largely due to

sound agricultural programmes initiated in the preceding three decades. The agricultural base has now been so strengthened that foodgrain reserves accumulated since 1975 have enabled the country to meet shortages caused by vagaries of nature — an achievement that was considered impossible only a few years ago.

The industrial performance has been no less impressive. Largely due to Nehru's vision of a modern industrialised nation, the country ranks among the top ten industrial nations in the world. India is not merely self-sufficient, but has begun to export a wide range of manufactured products — from refrigerators, TV sets, electronic and stereo equipment to scooters, bicycles and farming implements.

Most developing countries are confronted with the cruel dilemma of harmonising the compulsions of modernisation with the preservation of their cultural and religious heritage.

India's experience has shown that a commitment to the democratic system can reconcile the social stresses inherent in the economic growth and industrialisation of an ancient civilisation.



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HIGH technology in India is a relatively new phenomenon. Although high technology means many things to many people, it is really a technology which brings about significant changes in the way of problem solving.

It is the technology which ultimately results in increased productivity, efficiency, quality and benefits. It is not necessarily just electronics, software or laser. It could be a very simple agriculture oriented technology or a technology to harness wind or solar energy.

Unfortunately, in an unintended perversion of its meaning, high-tech is generally seen as glamour industry, much more so than as tools and techniques to meet basic needs.

As the world moves away from the capital intensive industrial base to a knowledge intensive information base, high technology does imply high industries, where brainware is maximised and hardware is minimised.

Leadership

Earlier it took thousands of vacuum tubes to develop computers for number-crunching and data processing. The same is now feasible on a silicon chip because of the revolution created by the invention of the transistor. It is the high-tech silicon which has converted electronics from high power to low power and light industries.

In the last 40 years, India has achieved a great deal in many of the high-tech areas, related in particular to space, atomic energy and agriculture. In space and atomic energy, it has

been able to build a large team of competent, concerned scientists looking at the country's future needs for energy, remote scanning, data gathering and various other areas.

Because of the leadership of two key scientists, Dr Homi Bhabha and Dr Vikram Sarabhai, these technologies could be effectively mobilised to meet India's needs. Similarly, in agriculture, India has been able to create a green revolution and achieve self-sufficiency in food grains. In spite of an increase in population to 800 million, the government has been able to feed people with the available stock in the country.

In the last 40 years, simultaneously, the country has been able to set up an infrastructure for education and training with considerable number of universities and research laboratories. Today, it has a large number of scientists and engineers with a great deal of potential. They have access to laboratories and universities to conduct their experiments and research. However a lot of this research has remained in our laboratories awaiting to be harnessed for larger goals.

India has indeed created considerable expertise in many critical areas. However, it has not been able to harness this

Planning for the year 2000

Towards a high-tech future

Although high-tech is already in extensive use in India's space and atomic energy programmes, there are three specific areas where its use will determine the modernisation process in India. They are biotechnology, information and alternate energy. A great deal of work is already under way in these sectors. It is a historical, technological, moment for India which will unfold its true significance by the year 2000 AD.

Sam Pitroda, Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's adviser on technology looks at some of these issues as India approaches the year 2000.

into meaningful product, processes and production for the masses.

As knowledge doubles every 10 years, new technology is introduced at a much faster pace with product cycles narrowing and competition increasing. As a result of this the role of high technology and its management becomes critical in the overall developmental process.

Future

Today, in India, high technology is required to solve basic problems like water and health. When the water problems were being solved in the advanced countries there were no micro-computers. Since micro-computer technology is available today, and the country is addressing its water management issues in the late 1980s and 1990s, the role of 'information' becomes critical in managing and mobilising its water resources.

While scanning future technological trends, it is apparent that three key techniques are going to dominate the world scenario. These will have far-reaching implications on the overall modernisation process in India and other developing societies. These relate to biotechnology, information and

alternate energy. Assuming that India cannot have resources to do everything, it makes more sense to concentrate on the selected few areas more heavily than others.

These three high technology areas need a long-term strategic plan, looking towards the year 2000, and with associated linkages to social programmes. The plan which focuses on products, production, distribution and delivery will benefit the masses to increase their living standards.

Biotechnology, worldwide, is promising a revolution in agriculture, health, environment, fishery and the process industries. The breaking of a gene has opened a whole new horizon for mankind to explore. The genetic codes and its rearrangement provides possibilities to develop new drugs, new chemicals, new plants and new processes. This can revolutionise many facets of life in India, assuming that the focus remains on population, environment, water, health, etc. A great deal of work is already under way in India to meet these challenges.

Similarly, information technology is said to have far-reaching implications, more so than any other technologies in the

last 300 years; on the way we work and the way we live.

It is already revolutionising our work places with computers, and our homes with televisions and videos. For the first time in the history of mankind, 'information' is becoming a product. 'Information' has direct links with productivity and efficiency. 'Information' on the shop floor and production plant will also optimise resource management and material input. Through 'information', a lot more will be achieved with given input and raw material and manpower.

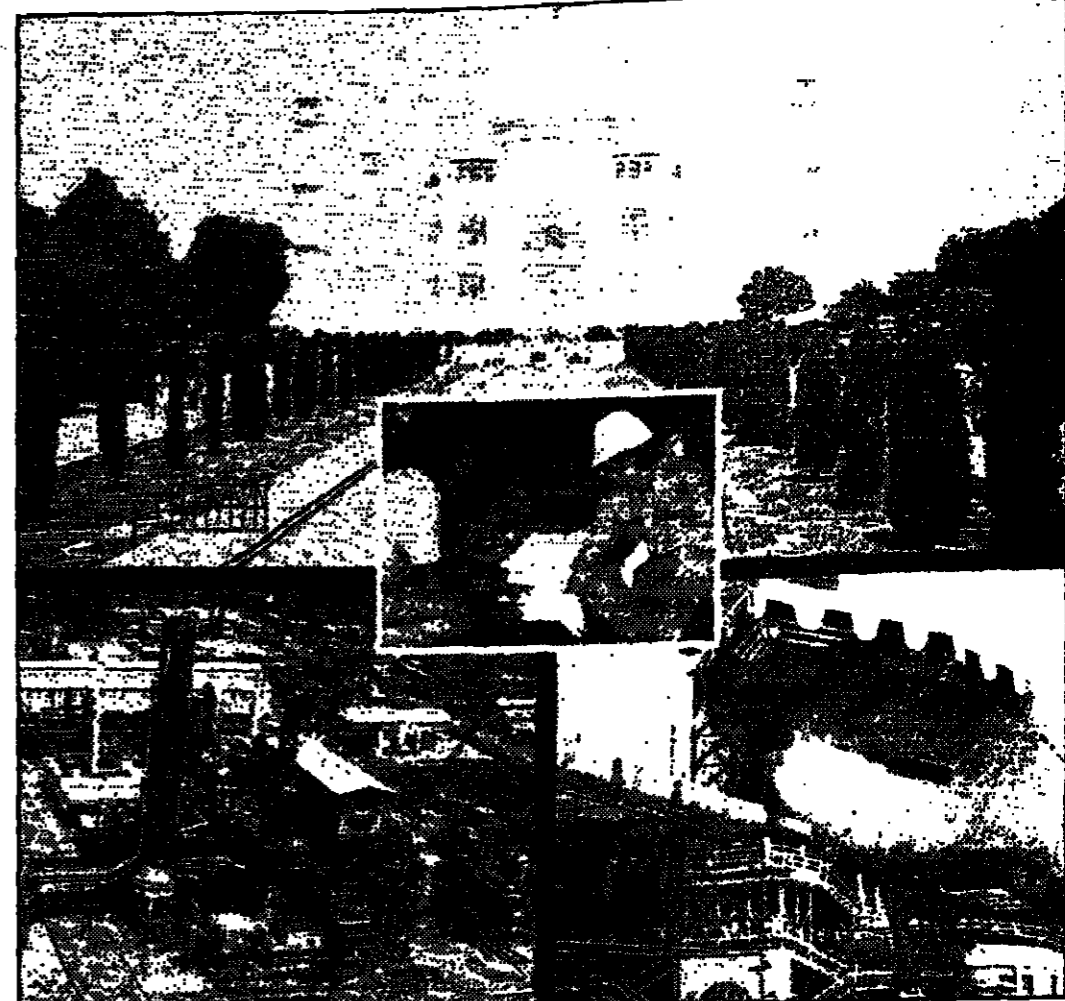
Information is transparent and as a result will create openness with wider accessibility. It will cross national boundaries and cut barriers. Information can be a major tool for social transformation. Telecom modernisation is the key to entering the information era. India is now positioned for significant change in this sector through indigenous development programmes and privatisation of terminal equipment market.

Growth

The energy supply will dictate the rate of growth of India's industrialisation in the next several decades to come. The ideal source of energy for a nation like India appears to be solar and biomass. Optimising these energy sources and distributing energy in remote corners of the country will foster modernisation for everyone. A great deal needs to be achieved in this area.

Looking at these three possibilities, it appears that the future prospects for India in high-tech are much brighter than we realise.

It is only because of this high-tech potential that a great deal of hope is being generated in addressing the massive national issues related to meeting the basic needs for the Indian people and the overall modernisation programmes is being reposed in it. Without input from these high-tech areas it may not be feasible to



From the Taj to high technology: in the last forty years since independence, India has achieved a great deal in many high-tech areas related in particular to space, atomic energy and agriculture

realise the national dream to eliminate poverty and reach out to millions of people in rural and urban slums to meet their basic needs and improve their living standards.

However, the key to harnessing this technology depends on the ability to create a new work environment, new work culture, new work standards and new work ethics where the young are given freedom to innovate and experience failures.

The present hierarchical and bureaucratic work culture in India's scientific institutions and industries stifles new product and process developments. The systems will have to be restructured and reorganised to focus on specific objectives with well defined measurable milestones and freedom and flexibility to operate.

Only through new systems

will the country be able to create a climate of accountability needed to deliver on these developments.

This is a historical technological event which in the next 25 years will dictate the role of high-tech in shaping the destiny of mankind. Many feel that it is going to bring automation, laser industry and boredom. Others feel it is a great challenge to harness high-tech for the well-being of developing societies like India.

However, the meaning and the message of high-tech has to be clearly understood to realise the potential, especially in a society like India, which is full of old traditions. This transition to high-tech is bound to create a great deal of tension. This tension can only be eased by clearly defining the role of high-tech in meeting the basic needs of the masses and upgrading the standard of living of millions.

Unfortunately, many times high-tech is seen as a technology which eliminates jobs through automation as opposed to technology that creates new jobs and redefines tools and techniques for upgrading jobs.

For high-tech to succeed and deliver on developments, training is also going to play a very critical role. Without effective training, high-tech cannot be translated into realities. As a result, on the one hand high-tech offers a great deal of potential and on the other hand high-tech demands solution to a lot of basic problems related to social perceptions and priorities.

Those who practise and live technology are bound to have hopes for the brighter future. Others have a role to guard high-tech horses to be on the social track for larger benefits.



Sam Pitroda: a hierarchical and bureaucratic work culture in scientific institutions and industries stifles new products and process development

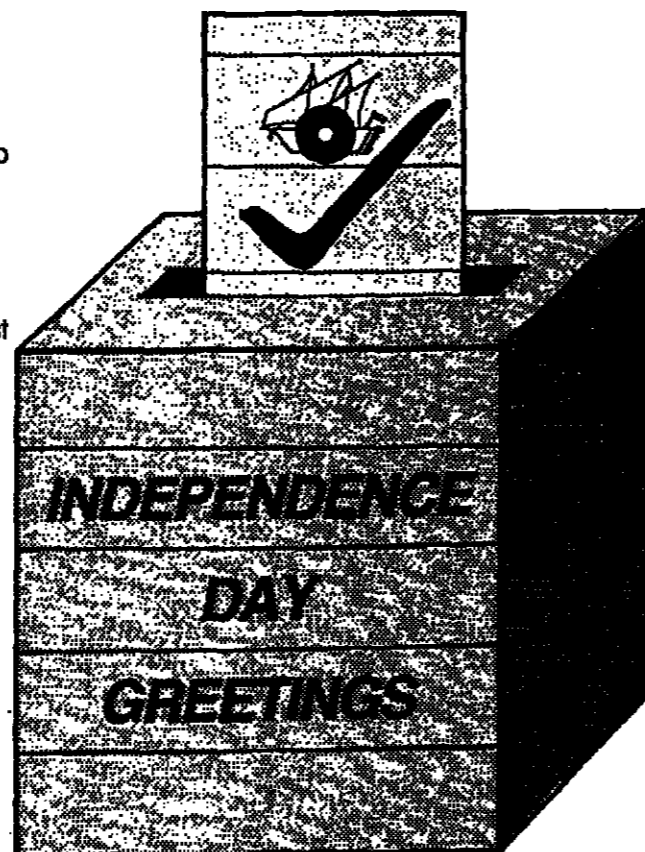
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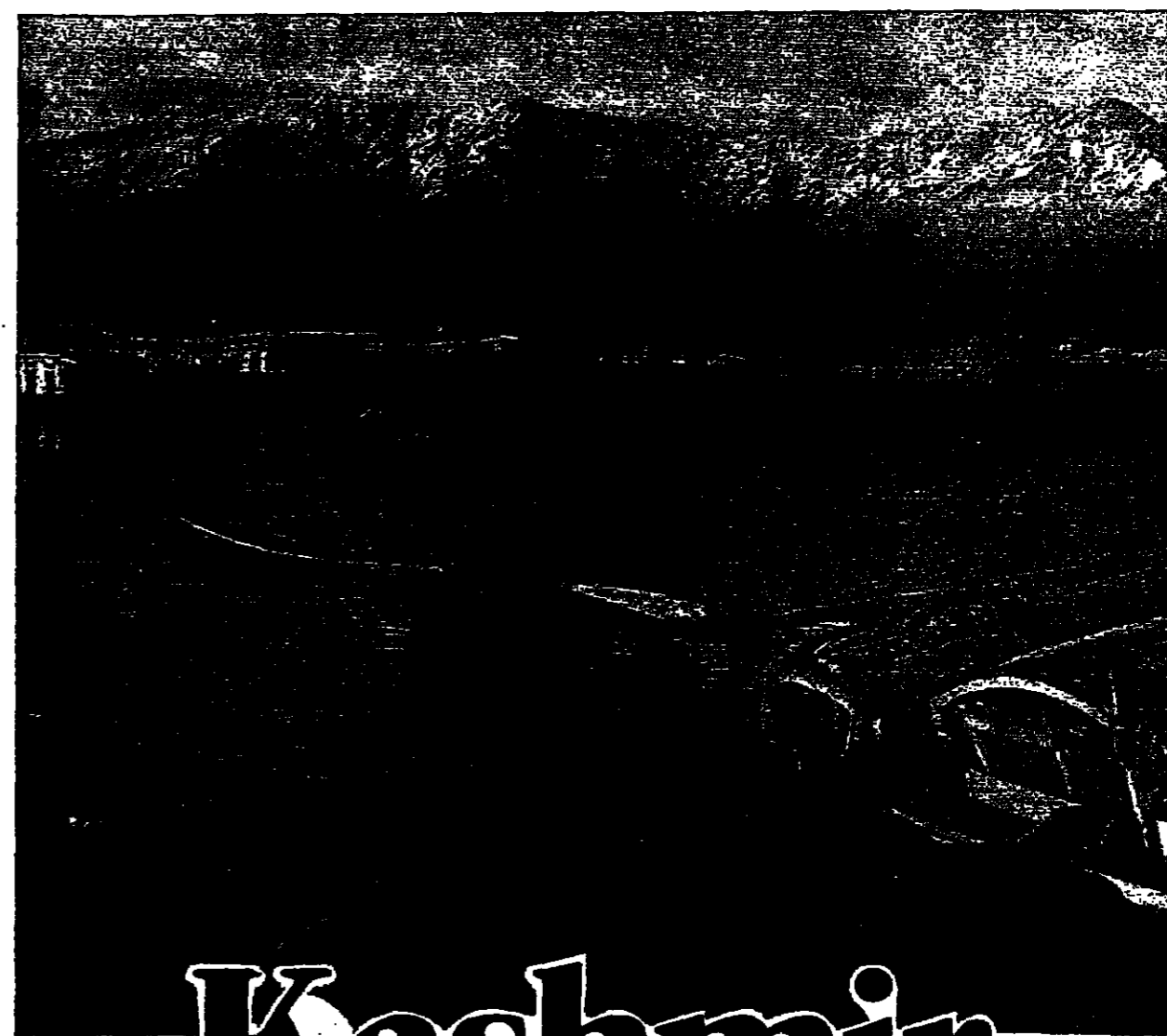
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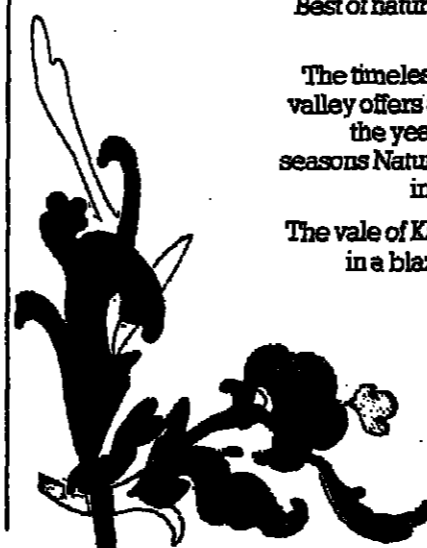
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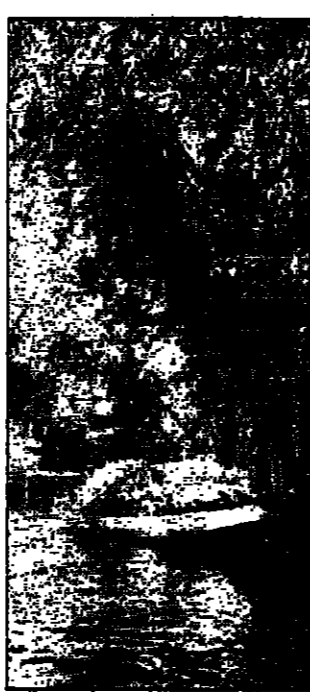
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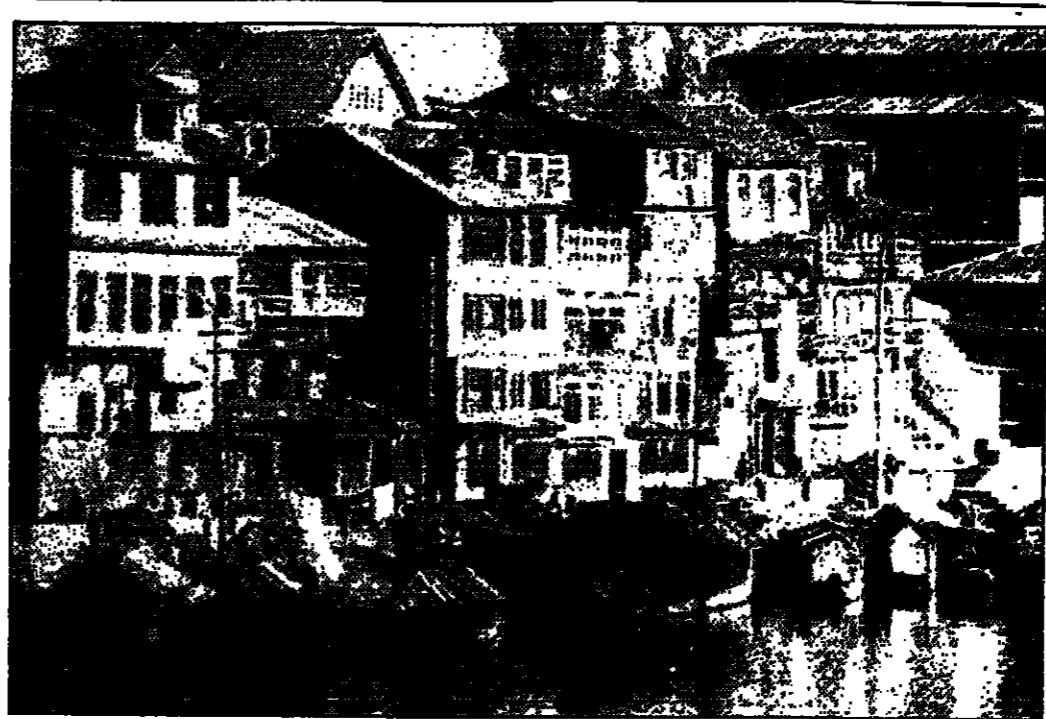
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A Kashmiri oarsman paddles his boat, called a Shikara on Srinagar's Dal Lake.



A flower vendor on his way to the houseboats.



Boats tie up in front of the multi-storied houses in Kashmir.

Tourism on the increase



Mr. Chaturvedi, regional director, Indian Tourist Board

TOURISM to India is definitely on the increase from all over the world particularly from the West Asian countries. Last year India received 1.47 lakhs tourists from the West Asian countries. In the first three months of 1988 (January to March) India has registered a growth rate of 10.4% over the same period in the year 1987. This is particularly significant in view of the fact that the global tourist arrivals to India during January-March '88 have registered 8.9 per cent growth rate only.

The growth rate from Kuwait has been particularly significant as it registered 18.5 per cent increase in the first three months January-March '88 over the same period last year.

India is gradually acquiring the status of the "Preferred Destination" amongst the Arab world. In order to meet the specific requirements of the Arab Traveller it is trying to tailor-made its infrastructure.

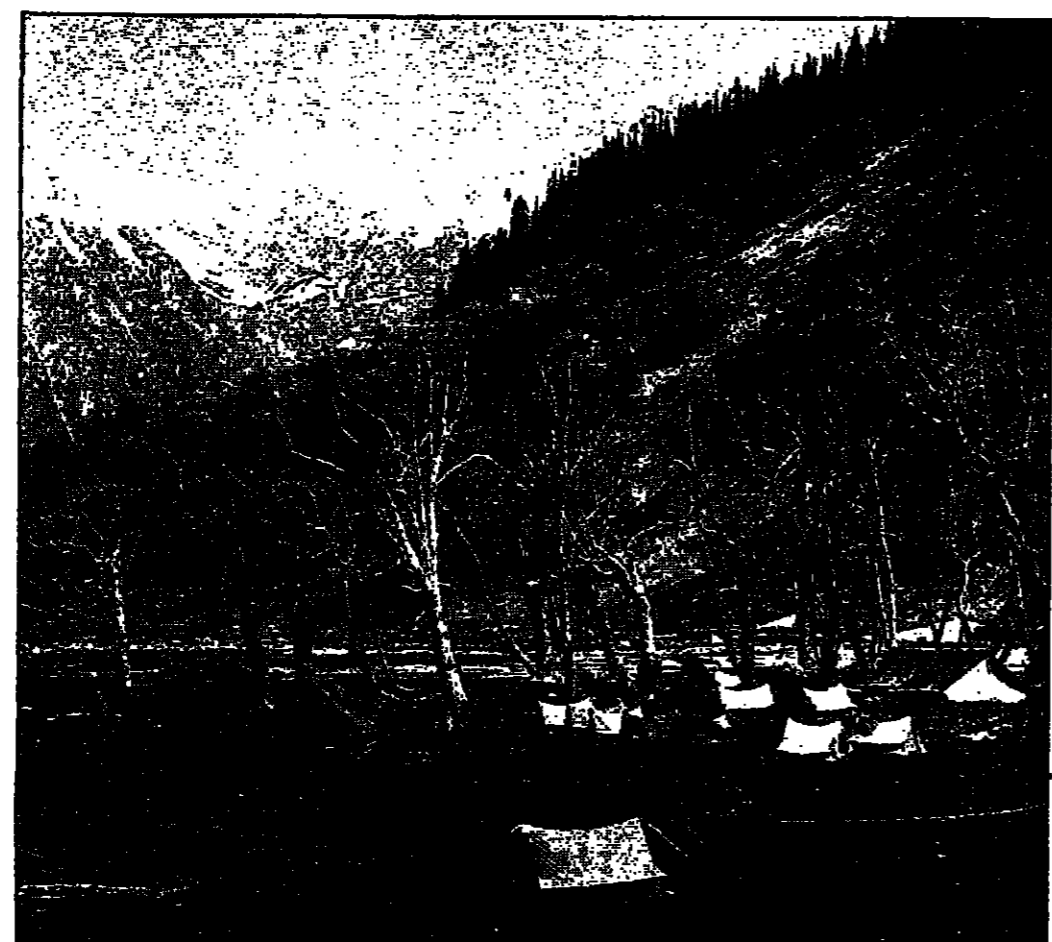
For instance the tourist publicity literature is being produced in Arabic in increasing numbers. We are also trying to train 'guides in India' in the Arabic language to facilitate communication between the Arab tourists and the host country, says Chaturvedi, of the Indian Tourist Board.

"We want to assure the prospective tourists as well as the travel industry that we will lend them our full co-operation and support in drawing their plans itineraries of visiting India."

By Veenu Sandal

'If there be paradise on earth, it is here, it is here...' — a Mughal emperor

Kashmir: the vale of pleasure



Trekking and camping: an ideal way to see Kashmir

HIGH in the forbidding, snow capped Himalayas lies a fabled valley flashing with silver lakes and foam-flecked waterways. Its exhilarating beauty and heartwarming bounties draw a gasp and a sigh from the most seasoned traveller.

The Kashmiris, a gay virile people proud of their green, verdant land relate with relish how the saint Nur-ud-Din refused to enter a royal garden in their valley, saying, "If I visit this place now, I shall not be allowed to visit paradise hereafter."

Coveted by a succession of invaders and rulers since the time of Alexander the Great in 326 B.C., the Vale of Kashmir, 80 miles long, 25 miles wide, with more than 50 lakes at altitudes ranging from 5000 feet to 15000 feet above sea level, offers a blissful, romance-soaked way of life.

Of all Kashmir's lakes, the Dal in Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, India's northern-most state, is the most enchanting and dreamlike. Lotus and wild ducks float on its waters imprinted with rippled reflections of majestic mountains and scudding clouds. Poplars, willows and stately *chinar*s that the Mughal Emperor Akbar planted more than half a millennium ago provide a tall, shady screen for a wonderful new style of living in gently rocking houseboats manned by servants intent on earning their tips through gracious service.

When we tired of one location, we simply pulled anchor and moved to another part of the Dal, or drifted on the Jhelum river nearby. The Vista of ancient times, the Jhelum is now the backbone of the valley's water-borne trade.

Almost a thousand houseboats in four categories are moored along the shores of Srinagar's Dal and Nagin lakes. Epitomising a tradition of polished, luxurious living, each houseboat promises a delightful, exciting holiday on the waters. Houseboats were introduced to Kashmir in 1890 by an Englishman who, after succumbing to the valley's charms, had set his heart on circumventing the Kashmiri law that prohibits non-Kashmiris from owning land in Kashmir.

Lavishly furnished and decorated from the richly carved floors, walnut wood furniture and papier mache and silver filigree articles strewn on it; hand embroidered bed spreads and curtains, to the wooden panels and ceiling carved with intricate designs, our houseboat contained a sitting room, a dining room with pantry, two bedrooms with ultra modern bathrooms, a sun deck, and accommodation for kitchen and servants on an attached *doonga* or small boat. The chef could cook in European, Mughal, Punjabi or Kashmiri style.

Opulent

While these opulent houseboats, made from fragrant cedar gently nudge the shores, *shikaras* — needle nosed, gondola like boats skim across the surface selling a bewildering array of articles — from the fabulous to the strictly utilitarian.

All day these floating shops saddle up to the houseboats, soliciting custom. They sell everything from flowers, fruits and vegetables, cigarettes, copper utensils, silverware, rich carpets, precious stones to exotic perfumes and fancy stationery. And they can take you anywhere in Srinagar cheaply and comfortably.

These graceful little boats, with their gaily painted canopies, fluttering curtains and heathen names like "Flying 'rice'", "Hollywood", "Kings house", "Shark", "Lovely bird" glide on the breeze-ruffled waters of the lake, skillfully piloted by an oarsman, his cart shaped paddles stroking the water with incredible ease.

To look after two persons on a day trip in a *shikara*, a crew of paddlers, a guide, and optionally, a cook, are necessary.

Intersected by the Jhelum and a number of smaller canals that link the river with the amalgam of three lakes that are collectively called the Dal, there are probably more miles of water in Srinagar than roads. No point in the city, frequently called the Venice of the East, is more than a few minutes walk from a canal.

The Dal lake is not deeper than three metres, but in summer melting snow makes the level rise. In the middle of the lake stands the Char Chinari island, named after the 250 year old *chinar* trees that grow on it. Like houseboats, *chinar* trees have become a symbol of Kashmir and it is forbidden to cut down a *chinar* tree anywhere in the valley.

On Char Chinari, a well stocked bar, soft drinks, snacks and mint tea provide refreshment to waterborne travellers. The adventure sports of speed boating, water skiing and surf riding draw people in large numbers to the azure blue waters of the Nagin lake. Near the Nagin lake is a structure associated with Christ. In the grave on the spot, the Mirzai sect of Muslims believe, Christ lies enshrined to this day.

According to local legend, Christ did not die on the Cross but left Palestine with the help of friends, came through Ladakh, and settled in Kashmir.

He is said to have lived here in peace, spreading his message till he died when he was 136 years old. Some Kashmiri historians believe that the original settlers in Kashmir valley

belonged to the tribe of Bani Israel, migrating to Kashmir when they left Egypt under the leadership of the Prophet Moses.

They say that Baal Bebu, a peak 12 kilometres northeast of Bandipur in Kashmir, is the Biblical Mount Nebo where Moses was buried.

Tales of Hazrat Noah, the only human survivor in the Great Flood, are popular among boatmen. When the Great Flood subsided, they recount, Noah's Ark came to rest on the crest of the hill in the centre of what is now Srinagar. The boatmen, blessed with fertile imaginations, have woven legends around successive geological processes.

They exchange stories of Kashmir having once been a vast lake imprisoned by mountains. The sage Kashyapa, it is said, released the waters by punching a hole in the mountains near Baramulla, and the valley of Kashmir came into existence.

Creation

The Dargah of Hazratbal which houses one of the holiest of Muslim relics — a hair of the Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) is mirrored in all its perfect symmetry in the dewed waters of the Dal. On Fridays, people in thousands from all parts of Kashmir visit the mosque.

The latest creation in Srinagar is the city forest spread over 907 hectares of the catchment area of the Dal. A massive conservation effort with lakhs and shrubs, trees and plants, Srinagar's City Forest is the only one of its kind in Asia.

Though the people of Kashmir have welcomed the

ecological drive which includes dewatering of the congested Dal Lake, and de-silting, they are happiest when they talk nostalgically, proudly of civilisation long since vanished.

Today, age old crafts in the bazaars of Srinagar bring a gleam to the eye. You can spend hours or days meandering through the narrow, winding alleyways of the old quarter where bargaining is the keynote. Or through the modern, bustling centre of Srinagar where rates are regularised.

Loveliest

Nature at its loveliest has provided the motifs and inspiration. Generations of dedicated artists have lovingly nurtured a tradition of producing artefacts that are the envy of the most fashionable buyers.

There are silk or cotton carpets, carved walnut wood furniture, the famed Pashmina and Kashmiri shawls, *pherans* — the traditional Kashmiri garments, articles of papier mache — an art adopted from the Persians, a stunning range of leather apparel, saffron from Pampore, twelve miles from Srinagar, honey, almonds, walnuts, furs, silks, filigreed silverware, fine pieces of jewellery, semi-precious stones — garnets, opal, amethyst, turquoise and Kashmiri sapphires from the Paddar mines — the highest in the world at 16,000 feet.

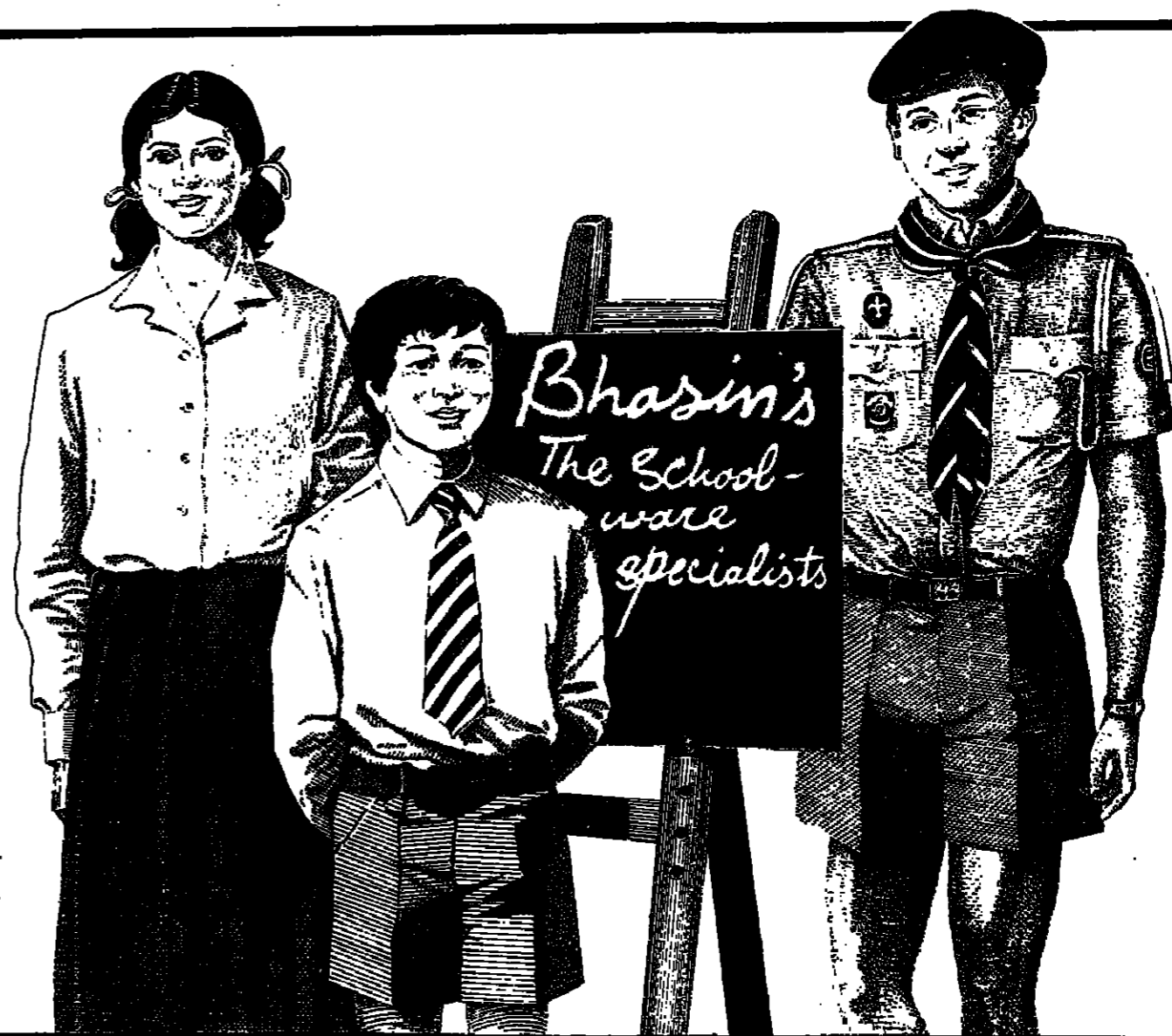
Gardens

The pleasure gardens laid out by the great Mughals who visited the valley almost five hundred years ago are more pressing than ever in their invitation to hold hands and dally among the creeper festooned parapets, and fruit laden terraces, airy pavilions and sweetly scented flower beds, cascading waterfalls and tinkling fountains with crystal clear sprays.

There is Naseem Bagh — the garden of the Morning Breeze, Shalimar Bagh — the Garden of Love where a spectacular *Son et Lumiere* recaptures the love of Emperor Jahangir and his beloved queen, Nur Jehan, Nishat Bagh — the garden of Pleasure, and the garden of Chashma Shahi — the Royal Spring.

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By Varsha Rami

THE story of Indian jewellery can be traced as far back as the Vedic age, and, in the centuries that followed, it was influenced by the Greek and the Muslim decorative traditions and by all the other cultural patterns that have left their mark on India.

The leisure and wealth of prosperous patrons gave craftsmen an opportunity to mould, carve, hammer, etch, recess and repousse pure and fine materials into the most delicate and elaborate forms.

A jeweller's tools were simple and his skill lay in using the smallest quantity of a precious material to create an elaborate and intricate ornament.

He took motifs and designs from his immediate environment, converting them into artistically stylised patterns.

He used all kinds of motifs: the sun, the moon, the stars, ritual objects, deities, leaves, buds, seeds, fruits, vegetables, animals and birds, and geometrical shapes.

His preference for fertility symbols such as parrots, peacocks, fish, elephants, mangoes and lotuses is an indication of the fact that he viewed his occupation as more than merely a means of earning a livelihood.

By fashioning ornaments for a bride and a mother-to-be, he was dedicating his art to the mother goddess herself.

Apart from precious metals such as gold and silver, jewellers used ivory, conch shell and lac.

They decorated the ornaments they made by painting and enamelling them, by fringing them with gems such as diamonds, rubies, emeralds, sapphires, amethysts and pearls, and by stringing them on silk thread and fastening them with silken skeins.

The range of ornaments that a jeweller produced elevated him to the level of an artist.

Artist

His art depicted the shubha (sacred) and transformed the wearer into a sumangali (an auspicious one). Ornaments thus became the symbols of sacred wifehood.

The great Indian classic, the Ramayana, describes a typical Indian bride of ancient times. "Sita is arrayed for her wedding in a gossamer fine, rose red garment, embroidered with gold, and jewelled butterflies and other precious ornaments adorn her beautiful black hair."

There are gems in her ears, her arms and wrists are covered with bracelets, while a golden band binds her slender waist and anklets of gold shine on her feet.

Rings are on her fingers and golden bells tinkle to the tune of her graceful gait.

A bride of today is dressed in much the same way, for the

Rings for the fingers,
rings for the toes ...

Among the traditional in India, it is considered inauspicious for a married woman to be unadorned. As a result, jewellery has come to form the major part of every bridal trousseau and, over the centuries, ornaments have evolved for every part of the body.



A south Indian bride wears the same jewellery as a Bharat Natyam dancer.

ornaments have changed only marginally over the centuries. The bridal array begins with head ornaments and these are used more frequently by brides in south India. First, a *sishphul*, a large circular golden boss richly ornamented and fringed with pearls, is worn at the back of the head.

Then comes the *phul* a pair of semi-circular and circular ornaments symbolising the sun and the moon, which are worn on either side of the parting of the hair.

The centre parting is covered with a *mangpatti*, a band of gold set with stones or chains of gold or pearls, attached to a *tika* a circular or semi-circular pendant which rests in the centre of the forehead.

Sometimes the *tika* is joined to gold chains or a band of pearls which is looped over the ears and clipped to the hair at

the back of the head.

A flat, tassel-like ornament called the *jhumar*, is sometimes worn on one side of the forehead by north Indian brides. Ears have a large variety of ornaments, the most common being the *karnaphul* and *jhumka*, a bell-shaped ornament fringed with pearls or tiny gold beads and suspended from the ear by a flower-shaped stud.

Bali are circular earrings worn around the outer edge of the ear. A *nath* adorns the nose. This has a large circular gold ring about 1 1/2 inches in diameter strung with jewels and pearls and held up by a chain attached to the hair to relieve the strain on the nose.

A *baisar* or *laung* is a pair of studs with single gems or animals, floral, and geometrical motifs or gold worn on the right and left nostrils.

The neck is the most lavishly decorated part of the body. *Chokars* are plain or jewelled collars set close to the neck. A

hansli is a torque with a thick centre narrowing into two round knobs which curl outwards and are decorated with etched or embossed motifs. Bead chains usually derive their names from the shape of the beads, usually made of gold. The beads might resemble melon seeds, the bud of the champa flower or a mango. There are chains made of beads which resemble various types of grains such as rice or wheat, or the body of a bamboo plant or fishes linked together.

Longer necklaces extend to the waist and may comprise two, three, five and seven strings. These are often interwoven with floral pendants or geometrical designs, and embossed with mythological figures.

A *thali* is a necklace with a central pendant which could be an amulet case, a circular consecrated charm symbol depicting a fruit or a vegetable, such as a mango, brinjal or coconut, food receptacles, rosewater sprinklers, beautiful temple pinnacles, all of which are considered auspicious signs.

In south India, the *thali* is worn in much the same way as a wedding ring in the West. It is a symbol of marriage. There are an enormous number of bangles and bracelets made of either gold or silver. A *ratanchur* or *hathphul* is a decorated gold plate in the form of a central gold flower, worn on the back of the hand and attached to each finger by a chain and a ring. Fingers are decorated with an infinite variety of rings set with stones or carved and simple bands of plain gold.

The *kardhani*, which girdles the waist, consists of a band about 1 1/2 inches wide, of pendants and plaques set with gems or embossed with exquisite designs, linked and fringed with flattened or twisted chains or beads. *Paizab-pajam* or *payal* are ankle ornaments comprising chains, or elongated pendants strung together, or small spherical bells which clink and tinkle with every movement.

There are toe-rings with floral and animal motifs in the centre, amulets to ward off evil spirits and repel disease.

Variety

The range and variety of Indian jewellery has few parallels in the world. This is not surprising, since apart from serving as personal adornment, jewellery represented a daughter's share of the ancestral property in a predominantly patrilineal society. *Sridhan*, or woman's wealth as it was called, became a married woman's personal possession, her insurance against times of need. As jewellery, it was decorative, portable and could easily be exchanged for cash.

As with so many Indian customs, the utility of the custom was soon overtaken by the craftsmen's instinct for decoration and so a vast range of ornaments grew to adorn practically every part of the body.

By Shalini Saran

FOR a few hours after midnight there is silence near the Jama Masjid; a silence that is almost tangible. A lone light casts a pale glow over the eastern doorway. Darkness does not shroud the austere lines of the mosque, nor its powerful presence.

During the midnight hours Jama Masjid could belong to any moment in the past. It could be 1656, the year the mosque was completed under the keen eye of Shah Jahan, the Moghul Emperor with whom fine buildings, became a passion. A few hundred yards away, the Red Fort was the centre of an awesome empire. There, Shah Jahan lived and ruled amidst legendary opulence. And from there he came in gilded processions to pray at the mosque every Friday.

It could be some decades later, when the empire was in the grasp of the ascetic Aurangzeb. And the blood of the mystic Sarmad, trickled down the stairs of the mosque where the emperor had him beheaded for heresy.

It could be the time of the Persian invader, Nadir Shah's massacre. Muhammad Shah, then emperor, had to plead with him that if he continued to massacre, he'd have to breathe life into the corpses because everyone had been killed.

It could be 1857, the year of the Revolt, when British troops occupied this beautiful mosque; when the City Magistrate, Egerton, said angrily that Jama Masjid should be used as a Christian church, and that on each of its 1000 compartments of the marble floor, the names of the Christian martyrs be inscribed.

And when the last of the Moghuls, the blind poet-king whose empire had shrunk to the confines to the Red Fort, lamented:

*I am the light of no one's eye,
The rest of no one's heart am I,
That which can be of use to none.*

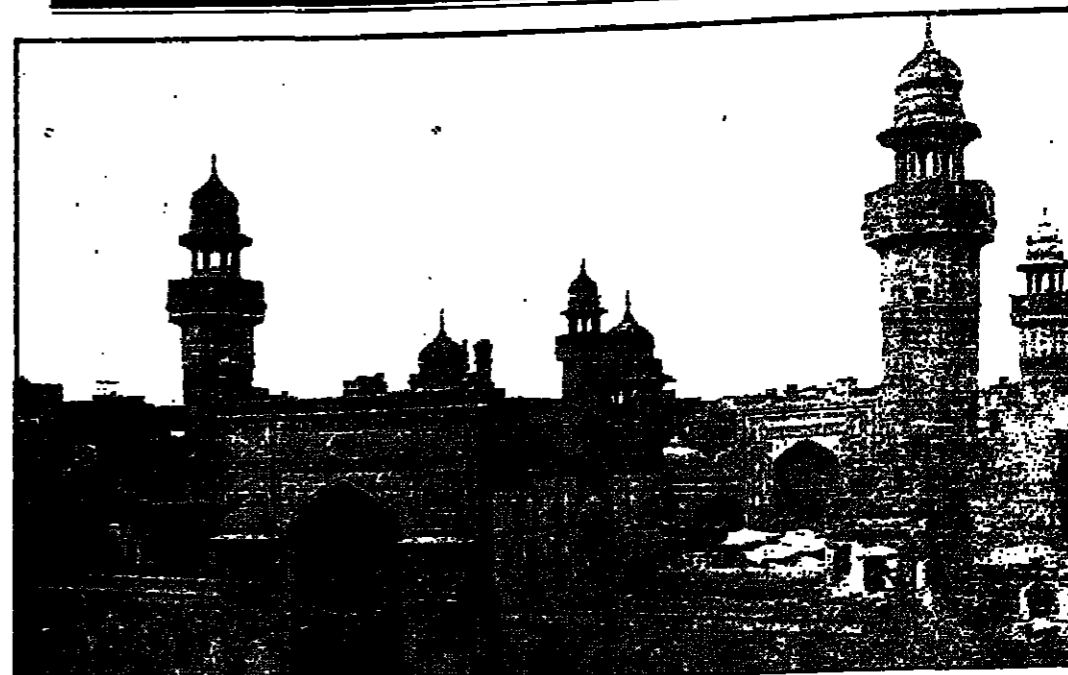
A handful of dust am I. It could be a quiet moment in the freedom struggle. It could even be fifty years from today. Yes, for a few hours after midnight, Jama Masjid could belong to any time.

The mosque has remained largely unchanged through three centuries of change. It has stood a silent witness to successive rulers and to the complex transformation from the mediaeval to the modern.

But it is not the past that concerns us here, it is the present; not Jama Masjid as it was but as it is. It stands in the heart of one of the most densely populated localities in the world. More than ninety per cent of Delhi's Muslims live here.

But statistics are only a part of the picture. The fact is that the people who live around Jama Masjid, their culture, lifestyle and the professions

Silhouetted against a flushed evening sky, Jama Masjid, with its marble domes and elegant minarets, dominates more than just the skyline of Old Delhi. It is a nerve centre ... pulsating, vibrant, wholly alive ...



A view of Delhi's Jama Masjid built by the Moghul Emperor Shah Jahan in the 16th century.

Serenity in sandstone

that survive in this area, have a long tradition.

This is Delhi. It is not a place built in the twentieth century and peopled with bureaucrats living in colourless colonies, but a place where descendants of the Moghuls, and of those who served the Moghuls still survive.

There is congestion, there is poverty and there is much that is tragic. But there is a vitality, too, that transcends it all.

A procession of people

In the early years of the eighteenth century, Nawab Salajung described the area between the Red Fort and the Jama Masjid: "Here one saw enormous crowds," he wrote, "comprising an amazing variety of people. There were boys dancing, preachers sitting on improvised pulpits, discouraging on themes suitable for the day and the month, and making a fair collection of coins from fools who listened and were affected; there were astrologers making pleasing prophecies, quacks, impressively dressed, with colourful bags full of medicines, advertising their aphrodisiacs, tonics and remedies for venereal diseases; there were buffoons and wine sellers; there were dry fruit sellers... and shops dealing with the sale of birds and animals of rare species."

This description could well be of the present day. An arterial road with a relentless stream of traffic tears across what was once Sadullah Chowk. But it has only displaced, not destroyed the activities that Salajung wrote of; displaced them a little further west, to the immediate environs of the Jama Masjid.

By 6 am the fires are lit in the foodstalls near the mosque. The air is thick with the heady aroma of spices, and soon heaps of saffron-tinted biryani can be seen — not at one or two stalls, but at twenty or thirty. Biryani is a Moghul recipe and though the platefuls sold here are far less exotic than what came out of Shah Jahan's kitchens, it is delicious.

In fact, the best Moghlai food can be had in this area. There is a variety of traditional breads, and korma, succulent raman and the famous nihari, a broth made from brain and marrow. And of course, the renowned kebabs of Jama Masjid, the recipes of which are the most treasured possessions of generations of cooks.

These food stalls around the mosque cater to a variety of people. They come from all walks of life, but they share a common religion — Islam. There are pilgrims who come to pray at the mosque. They camp for days in the cool verandahs of the Jama Masjid, or in the open spaces around. For them it is a great occasion, and they wear their best clothes. They will pray five times a day at the mosque, feast, and revel in the activities around, shop and see the sights of Delhi. Some will pray at Sarmad's tomb as well as at the foot of the Jama Masjid.

They will make the customary offering of flowers and a chaddar (a colourful velvet and tinsel covering which is draped over the grave). There are always people there, in supplication and thanksgiving.

The pilgrims are only a part of the crowd. There are the permanent dwellers of the area — the homeless beggars, the blind and the deformed who find rest beneath the shadow of the mosque, and who cry for alms in the name of Allah.

The bulk of the people, though, are the regulars — men, mostly — the inhabitants of Old Delhi, for whom the mosque is spiritual centre and its environs a leisure ground.

But whatever the time of year, however festive and alive it may be outside, within the mosque there is quiet and there is repose.

However crowded it may be outside, within there is a feeling of immense space which is enhanced by the perfect proportions of the architecture.

It has a serene, meditative quality. It is at once austere and grand. The domes of marble and black slate are in perfect harmony with the red sandstone. The ornamentation is minimal, but refined and elegant.

At sunset, the mosque is beautifully silhouetted against the flushed sky. It is time for Maghrib, the evening prayer. In a few hours the shopkeepers will pack their wares; the people of Old Delhi will wind their way through the maze of narrow lanes to their secluded havelis; the pilgrims will settle down for the night and the beggars will count their change. Silence will make the night darker.

Only the light on the eastern doorway will cast a pale glow. And once again, Jama Masjid could belong to any moment in the past.



Hands and feet are decorated with anklets, bangles and a *hathphul* which consists of a bangle and several rings attached to a central gold plate that rests on the back of the hand.



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SOUTH KOREAN students attack riot police at Yonsei University yesterday during rallies calling for talks with North Korea. (Reuter wirephoto)



CANADIAN soldiers listen to a few parting words from Canadian Defence Minister prior to boarding planes to take them to Lahr, West Germany, and then on to Baghdad where they will be part of a UN peacekeeping force watching over the Iran-Iraq ceasefire. (Reuter wirephoto)



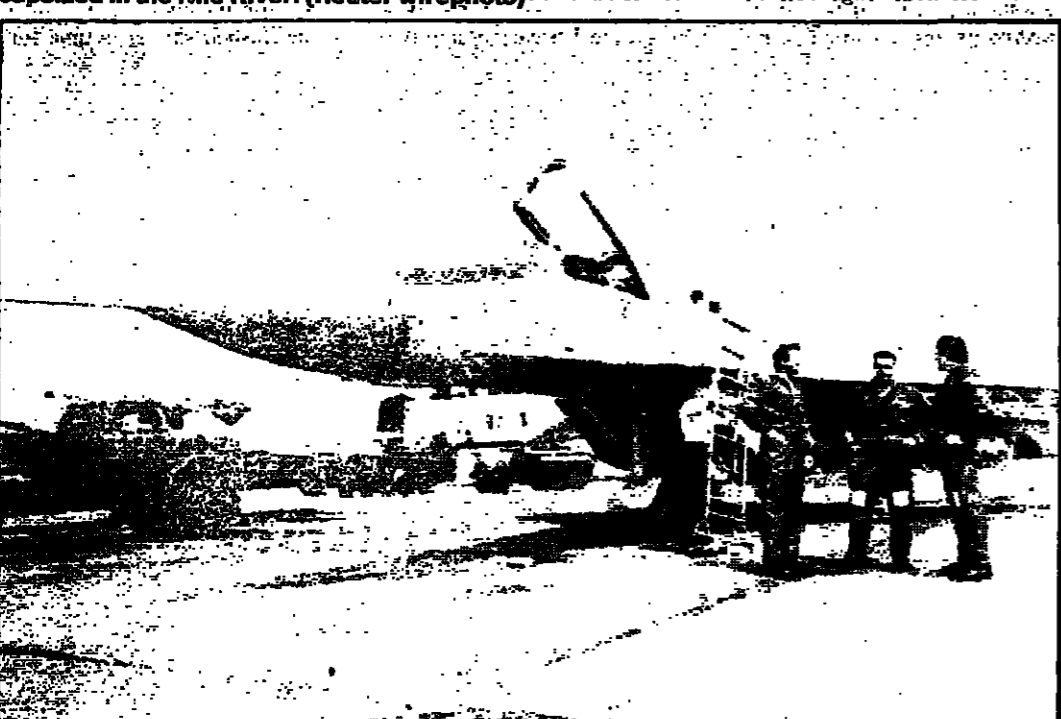
EGYPTIAN divers pull the body of an unidentified Italian tourist out of the water near Edfu after they found him trapped in the wreckage of the luxury tour boat 'Nubia' which capsized in the Nile River. (Reuter wirephoto)



BERRY KERN, left, a creator of floats for the Mardi Gras, and Michael Owens, offload a statue called 'Ronbo' near the Superdome in New Orleans. The Republican National Convention opens in the Superdome today. (Reuter wirephoto)



A COMMUNIST rebel commander, Gregorio Rosel (left), removes the chains of Sergeant John Jacob before releasing him and four other soldiers yesterday from 74 days of captivity. At right is Philippine Public Works Secretary Jaunito Ferrer, head of a civilian panel that negotiated the release. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE Communist Party newspaper Pravda yesterday published the picture of a MIG-29 fighter, one of the most advanced combat aircraft in the Soviet arsenal. The needle-nosed twin-jet fighter will be presented at Britain's Farnborough air show early next month. It will be the first appearance at such an event by a Soviet military aircraft. (Reuter wirephoto)



DOUGLAS MORAN and his three-year-old son Jesse James ride down route 63 carrying a large stuffed bear. The two were part of 400 motorcyclists who brought toys to the Vermont Statehouse as part of Christmas in August. The toys will be distributed to children at Sohriners hospitals. (Reuter wirephoto)



MICHAEL JACKSON (right) surprisingly showed up on the stage to sing together with singer Sammy Davis Junior at the Monte Carlo Sporting Club on Saturday. (Reuter wirephoto)



OON SUNG-KIL (right) of South Korea, trades punches with Thailand's Khaokor alaxy during their World Boxing Association (WBA) bantamweight title match in Seoul yesterday. Moon won the title. (Reuter wirephoto)



EGYPTIAN Tamer Al Mawazini, 22, a sound man for 'Video Cairo,' a television news service, was injured while covering clashes between police and Muslim fundamentalists at Ein Shams near Cairo. He was treated for shotgun wounds in a hospital.



ELMO ZUMWALT III (left), whose father ordered the defoliation of dense jungle in Vietnam to cut US casualties, died on Saturday of cancer caused by exposure to the defoliant, Agent Orange, his father (right) said. (Reuter wirephoto)

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Stocks drop sharply

Why those interest rates will keep rising

NEW YORK, Aug 14: Interest rates usually are hard to predict, but it's a safe assumption that last week's increase in the Federal Reserve's discount rate — the fee on loans to banks — will be followed by more increases in the weeks ahead. The reason? A large slice of America's population, including many people who deal in the securities markets, fears it faces more inflation, reports the Wall Street Journal.

Inflation fears can be powerful. Over the past couple of years, the US Treasury has been pleading with West Germany to stimulate its economy so that it will import more and reduce its current-account surplus. To the Treasury this seemed a reasonable idea since Germany has high unemployment and almost zero inflation.

Peak It does not, however, seem reasonable to the Germans, who are instead mulling a tax increase to shore up a leaky government budget. As for the US comments on German inflation, a typical German might respond, "Zero inflation? What's wrong with that?"

Those Germans still alive who actually experienced that inflation of 1923 won't forget it. Nor will their children and grandchildren. The inflation reached its peak in October 1923 when wholesale prices rose 29,586 per cent from the level of the prior month. John Maynard Keynes, the British economist, reported that Germans would order two beers at a time because the beer would grow warm and stale more slowly than the price was rising.

No German politician would think of advocating a programme that actually envisioned even a modest rise in inflation.

The US hasn't experienced anything like Germany's 1920s, but 1973-1982 was bad enough. The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries had a hand in the US inflation, but US policy through most of the period was singularly inept. Other countries hit by the OPEC increases, such as Japan, did a much better job in dealing with them. At times, price controls and pleas to turn down the heat seemed to be all that occurred to the government.

The 1973-1975 recession got the inflation rate down to 3.8 per

cent by early 1976, but the government let it get away again. By late 1979 and early 1980, the consumer price index was soaring at an annual rate of nearly 16 per cent. It took the 1981-1982 recession and the near-collapse of OPEC to get inflation down to what are now considered tolerable levels.

It was a horrendous experience, and few Americans have forgotten it.

Expansion

The current business expansion, already the longest in peacetime history, is charging toward its sixth anniversary next November.

For the past two years, many economists have been predicting that the business cycle was about to slow down, heading off any fears of inflation. When the stock market crashed last October, there were widespread forecasts that a recession would begin early this year. The expansion may have hesitated briefly after the crash; the Federal Reserve was concerned enough that it adopted a highly stimulative monetary policy. Before long, however, the economy once

again was off to the races.

The Fed thereupon switched to a more restrictive policy. "More" is the operative word. The central bank has some control over the federal funds rate — the fee the banks charge on reserves they lend to one another. It influences the funds rate by influencing the supply of reserves. When the Fed sells government securities it pulls reserves out of the system; when it buys securities it puts in reserves. The Federal Reserve also is paying more attention to the money supply than it was a couple of years ago, modestly slowing its growth.

The hope here has been that the Federal Reserve has been pursuing a gradualist approach, of the sort that the incoming Reagan administration urged on the Volcker Fed in 1981. The Reagan economists figured it would take four or five years to cut the inflation rate to a level that the nation could accept. Maybe it was impossible. In any case, the Federal Reserve opted to do the job quickly and by late 1982, toward the end of a deep recession, the consumer price index was rising at an

annual rate of only about 1 per cent.

Perhaps the Fed is pursuing gradualism, but success in such an endeavour demands that the effort be credible. The Fed's increase in the discount rate is a step in the right direction, although it should have come sooner. The federal funds rate has been pushing close to 8 per cent.

The spread between the discount rate and the funds rate still is so wide that in theory banks could borrow at the discount window and turn a profit by re-lending the funds. Borrowing at the discount window has risen sharply, but the rise is largely accounted for by the continuing troubles of Texas banks.

Funds

The problem of the funds rate and the discount rate could be avoided if the Federal Reserve would tie the discount rate to a market rate, such as the rate on short-term Treasury bills. Such an arrangement has been suggested a number of times but never accepted.

Changes in the discount rate actually play only a small role in Fed policy. Banks seldom are

encouraged to borrow by a drop in the rate or dissuaded from borrowing by a rise in the rate.

Markets, however, read a lot into discount-rate changes that isn't there. Stocks dropped sharply when this week's increase was announced.

Low

The Fed, of course, likes to keep a low profile up to and through presidential elections. Chairman Greenspan, long a hard-working Republican, surely wants it that way. And Greenspan, a careful student of the economy, must know that the current situation requires that his gradualism, if that's what it is, continue to become a little less gradual.

Last Friday the Labour Department reported that the unemployment rate edged up slightly. But it also said that payroll employment rose by a strong 283,000 in July and, at the same time, sharply increased the rise in nonfarm jobs in June.

Last Monday, the Wall Street Journal's quarterly survey showed that corporate profits in the second quarter jumped 101 per cent from a year earlier.

SBI to float NRI bonds

BOMBAY, August 14: The Non-Resident Indian (NRI) bonds are to be issued shortly by State Bank of India. The government of India has authorised State Bank of India (SBI) to work out the modalities of issuing these bonds as early as possible and provide an opportunity to NRIs to invest their savings in these bonds, an Indian newspaper has reported.

The issue of NRI bonds had been announced by N.D. Tiwari, the then Union finance minister, in his speech on the Union budget, 1988-89, by saying that a new scheme of foreign currency denominated bonds/deposit certificates for NRIs would be introduced "in response to representations received."

Proposal The earlier proposal was to authorise Unit Trust of India or some other agency to issue the bonds on behalf of the government or the government itself would issue the bonds.

SBI has now been asked to go ahead with the scheme on the grounds that SBI has a large network of branches abroad which enables it to market these bonds better abroad. Along with SBI, other Indian banks with branches abroad may be roped in for the sale of the bonds.

Bonds The original terms of issuing bonds, as announced in February last, have remained unchanged. The bonds are to be issued on a non-repatriable basis with a maturity of seven years. These bonds will be free from income, wealth and gift taxes.

The rate of interest on these bonds to be issued in US dollar denomination is likely to be around 11 per cent. The bond issue is expected to collect \$200m.

Investors in these bonds will be made the repayment at the end of seven years at the exchange rate prevailing on the maturity day.

One of the terms of the issue of bonds being that the investments in these bonds are non-repatriable, they may prove attractive to those Indians who are now resident abroad and intend returning to India after a few years.

Barlow Clowes investors told they face losses

LONDON, Aug 14, (Reuters): People with money in a fund managed by a collapsed British investment group, Barlow Clowes, could face losses even though much of what they put in has been recovered, an official said on Thursday.

Barlow Clowes investment funds in Britain and Gibraltar were closed in May owing an estimated £190 million (\$320 million) to thousands of clients, mostly small investors.

British financier Peter Clowes, who ran the Barlow Clowes companies, was charged on June 15 with perverting the course of justice and released on £300,000 (\$510,000) bail.

Clowes' lawyer says he will contest the charges. He is next due in court in January.

An official receiver, Dennis Dolman, told a meeting of more than 400 investors in the British fund on Thursday that the government stocks on its books had been sold.

A sum of about £52.5 million (\$89.3 million) was available to meet claims of up to £53.2 million (\$90.4 million).

Hike in UK bank base rates designed to curb inflation

LONDON, Aug 13, (UPI): The London stock market showed the first signs this week of realising that rising interest rates really are bad news for investors.

But it seemed to be a rise in US interest rates and consequent anxiety on Wall Street that really brought this home to them and hit London prices on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

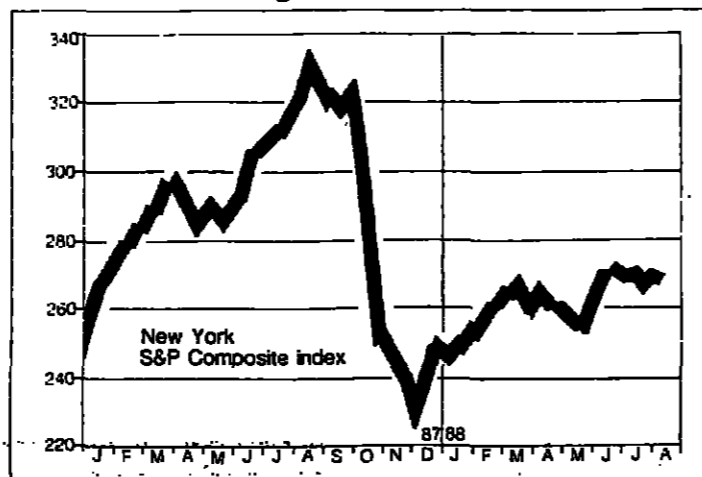
The London market has followed the US indices even more closely this year than usual, though by now it is showing a better result since the start of 1988.

It is only the strengthening of the dollar that has produced good returns for British investors on Wall Street.

Implications

US investors have not yet started to think very hard about the implications of the presidential election in November — or, if they have, so far they've been deciding it doesn't make a lot of difference who gets the job (at the moment the opinion polls are suggesting it will be Dukakis). Neither candidate is prepared to be at all controversial or run the risk of offending any section of the voting public, one London

US shares holding the line



financial analyst said.

The hike of 1/2 percentage to 11 per cent in Britain's bank base rates was designed to curb inflationary pressures. This came on the same day that Department of Trade and Industry figures revealed another rise in consumer credit, with nearly \$40 billion (\$68.4 billion) still outstanding at the end of June.

In a gesture which was seen as designed to preempt the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC) report, the Kuwait Investment Office (KIO) delivered a legally binding undertaking to the Department of Trade and Industry concerning its 21.7 per cent stake in British Petroleum (BP).

The KIO promised not to

increase the holding further and not to vote more than 14.9 per cent of BP's shares, whilst reaffirming the long term nature of its investment.

Pending the MMC report, which is due by Sept 2, Lord Young, head of the DTI, felt unable to accept the document, which remains binding nonetheless.

For most of the week the market lacked direction and near the close business was inhibited ahead of US trade figures next Tuesday and British money supply figures due next Thursday.

Hopes that the recently increased UK base interest rates will be maintained rather than increased Friday. International stocks, came back down in the second half of the week as the pound strengthened and the dollar weakened.

Neglected Although leading shares were neglected for much of the time, small plus signs were seen for most at the end.

Beecham weakened, closing at 479 pence (\$8.19), unsettled by reports late in the week in the Lancet Magazine suggesting that

the unpatented drug streptokinase will help the treatment of the aftereffects of coronary thrombosis, bringing competition to the heart-drug embase.

Blue Arrow were flat spot closing at 86 pence (\$1.48) after stockbrokers to the group Phillips and Drew, cut their profits forecast by 20 per cent.

Banks selectively firmer at first, became subdued ahead of a possible cash call from Standard Chartered next Wednesday. Insurances slightly improved.

The Financial Times '100' share index closed at 1484.8 and the 'Top 30' 1484.8 up 7.2.

In oils, British Petroleum did well after their half-year figures, closing at 259 pence (\$4.42) but Shell failed to hold early improvement, slipping back to close at \$10.21/64 (\$17.955), despite favourable comment on the results.

Golds showed mixed movements for most of the time, finally ending with rises to \$2. The gold index closed at 189.5.

Government stocks picked later from the lower levels as sterling improved. The government securities index closed at 88.17.

News Corp plans to sell Reuters stake

NEW YORK, Aug 14, (Reuters): News Corp Ltd said yesterday it plans to sell a four per cent stake in Reuters Holdings PLC and undeveloped real estate to help fund a proposed \$3 billion buyout of Triangle Publications Inc.

The Wall Street Journal, in an interview with News Corp chief executive Rupert Murdoch, reported on Wednesday that News Corp plans to sell a 6.8 per cent stake in Reuters, which Murdoch valued at \$200 million. Howard Rubenstein, a spokesman for Murdoch, later told Reuters that the stake amounted to four per cent, not 6.8 per cent. He said the Wall Street Journal story was otherwise accurate.

Stake Rubenstein said Murdoch wants to sell the stake soon, but he declined to be more specific.

The spokesman declined to say which shares were being sold. "He (Murdoch) indicated it's complex and he will not go into a detailed discussion," Rubenstein said.

A Reuters spokesman in New York said News Corp holds 9.5 million 'A' shares of Reuters, or

9.5 per cent of the 'A' shares outstanding, and 10.3 million 'B' shares, or 3.2 per cent of the 320 million outstanding 'B' shares.

The 'A' shares, controlled by the original newspaper and news agency owners of Reuters, carry four votes each while the 'B' shares, quoted on the US and London stock markets, carry one vote each. Murdoch's total voting stake in Reuters amounts to 6.8 per cent, the spokesman said.

The Reuters spokesman said 'A' shareholders represent 60 per cent of the voting rights of the company through their holdings of both 'A' and 'B' shares.

A source close to News Corp said 75 per cent of News Corp's 'B' share holdings in Reuters were pledged to an issue of News Corp convertible preference stock. "The conversion has happened in bits and pieces and the Reuters shares that have not been converted cannot be sold," the source said.

Reuters declined to comment on the planned sale. "We cannot comment on any plans of the 'A' shareholders," a spokesman said. Reuters 'A' shareholders can

never sell their 'A' holdings on the open market, a Reuters spokesman said. Shareholders wishing to dispose their 'A' shares must first offer the stock to other 'A' shareholders, he added.

The conversion of 'A' shares into 'B' shares for sale on the open market is subject to the consent and co-operation of other 'A' shareholders, the spokesman said.

"In effect, all of your alternatives relating to the divestiture of 'A' shares must go through the other 'A' shareholders," he said. The Wall Street Journal reported that Murdoch planned to sell his stake in Reuters and undeveloped real estate to fund the proposed acquisition of Triangle Publications, which include the popular and lucrative TV Guide.

It said Murdoch's goal was to borrow half of the \$3 billion purchase price and raise the rest through asset sales. Murdoch also told the journal he was reluctant to sell a 20.5 per cent stake in Pearson PLC, which publishes the Financial Times newspaper. Last May Reuters bought a

48.8 per cent interest in Australian Associated Press Pty Ltd for \$74.2 million (Australian) (\$59.4 million).

It acquired the majority of the stake from John Fairfax Ltd group and a small portion from West Australian Newspapers Ltd. AAP holds 13.9 million Reuters 'A' shares and has no other significant assets.

John Fairfax and the Bell unit had initially agreed to sell the stake to News Corp, but the deal would have pushed Murdoch's voting stake in Reuters over 15 per cent, the maximum allowed under the Reuters charter.

Reuters acquired the equivalent of 6.8 million underlying Reuters 'A' shares in the AAP transaction. News Corp was also left with 48.8 per cent of AAP, representing 6.8 million 'A' shares.

Under an agreement, however, the 6.8 million 'A' shares controlled by News Corp carry one-third of the normal voting power of 'A' stock, keeping News Corp's total voting stake under the 15 per cent ceiling, a Reuters spokesman said.

Yugoslavia to launch new, bigger banknote

BELGRADE, Aug 14, (Reuters): Yugoslavia, beset by rampant inflation, plans to issue its biggest denomination banknote so far.

Central Bank official Velimir Drecun said the 50,000 dinar (\$17.80) note would be issued next month and will replace the 20,000 dinar (\$7.10) note as Yugoslavia's biggest.

Drecun told the official Tanjug News Agency that economic trends in the past two years had run counter to what Yugoslav officials had expected with the "fire of inflation melting the value of the dinar much too fast."

Inflation was officially running at an annual 189 per cent at the end of July. The introduction of the new banknote was first planned in 1986, when 50,000 dinars was worth \$105 and the 20,000 dinar note was launched late last year.

Two billion banknotes and as many coins are in circulation causing huge handling costs and problems in cash payments, said Drecun, the director general of the Central Bank's Treasury.

Economists ally fears of another market crash

WASHINGTON, Aug 14, (UPI): Americans have no reason to panic about the chances of another stock market crash even if financial markets reflect some gloom and anxiety about rising interest rates, economists say.

Though the Federal Reserve Board's discount rate hike on Sept 4 was blamed as a catalyst of the Oct 19 stock plunge, the central bank's decision to push the discount benchmark up again this week does not forebode a repeat performance, according to several experts.

"Financial markets around the world, particularly in the United States, are going to be nervous now," acknowledged Allen Sinai, chief economist of the Boston Co., after major American commercial banks raised their prime lending rate on Thursday in response to the Fed

action. "These are bear markets... so investors should take appropriate action, which means to be defensive," Sinai continued.

Decline Nevertheless, he said, "I think the lesson from the crash remains that a decline in the stock market does not necessarily translate into a bad economy."

The economy shook off the ill effects of the stock market's "Black Monday" and not only avoided recession but is growing a robust 3.5 per cent this year and moving toward full employment.

That growth and consumer demand has contributed to inflationary pressures, however, and the Fed's discount rate hike from 6 per cent to 6.5 per cent on Tuesday was designed to cool things down. Rising wages and high prices for imports are help-

ing drive up the cost of living, now running at about 4.5 per cent, and the current drought is expected to boost food prices even more.

The discount hike thus was prudent monetary policy, several analysts agreed, yet financial markets still greeted it with an intense two-day selling spree that depressed stock prices by nearly 70 points.

The value of the dollar also was affected, moving up sharply on foreign currency exchanges and posing a problem for major trading partners such as West Germany and Japan about whether to raise their own interest rates.

Financially, the Fed action also served to focus attention on America's massive budget and trade deficits, which remain thorny, unresolved drags on the US and world economies.

Richard Peach, economist for the Mortgage Bankers Association, said he sees the Fed moving beyond the largely symbolic indicator of the discount rate to raise the federal funds rate, the interest on overnight loans between banks.

The federal funds rate, Peach said, may climb as high as 8.6 per cent by the end of the year from the current 7.75 per cent and 6.5 per cent in February.

Expensive Combined with the increased prime rate, consumer interest rates are expected to rise at least another percentage point, making it more expensive to borrow money for houses, cars and other purchases.

For example, Peach predicts mortgage interest rates on fixed 30-year loans will move from the current 10.6 per cent average to as high as 11.5 per cent by the end

of 1988 and to remain at the level next year.

Such an increase, which would severely stunt housing starts and sales of existing homes, take an enormous bite out of local economies, costing communities an estimated \$26 billion, Peach said.

Still, many economists applaud the Fed's election-year action.

"This was a political step," said Hugh Johnson chief investment officer of First Albany Corp. "The credibility of chairman Alan Greenspan improves with each passing day."

Agreed Francis Schott, chief economist of Equitable Life Assurance Society, "it will put a damper on consumer spending and borrowing, and that's precisely the intended effect. Of course it's a bitter pill to swallow, but it was necessary and overdue."

World Business Summary

US crop losses may boost grain competition

WASHINGTON, Aug 14, (Reuters): Declines in US crops reported yesterday by the Agriculture Department could increase worldwide competition for wheat, soybeans and oats markets, analysts said. The report projects reductions of 37 per cent in the corn crop, 23 per cent in soybeans, and 13 per cent in wheat. The resulting higher prices, and government planting decisions linked to the reduced production, could increase US crop production next year and fuel competition. In the meantime, the United States' competitors could exploit the reduced US supplies, particularly of wheat, said agricultural consultant Randy Russell. "The Europeans have a good crop, and they're going to take that market share from us," Russell said. The crop report projected that US wheat stocks would fall from 1.3 billion bushels on June 1, 1988, to 597 million on June 1, 1989, less than one-fourth of a year's supply. The relatively low supplies will provide ammunition for government officials opposed to aggressive use of wheat export subsidies under the export enhancement programme, Russell said. "This kind of report makes it a little more difficult to justify operating an aggressive EEP programme," he said. US corn stocks are projected to be 1.6 billion bushels on September 1, 1989, compared with 4.2 billion this September. If confirmed in next month's crop report, the projections would trigger a reduction in the acreage corn farmers would have to leave idle next year, to no more than 12.5 per cent of their historical base, said Ewen Wilson, the Agriculture Department's top economist.

The decision could increase corn acreage by about 10 million (4.85 million hectares), private analysts said. A reduced cropping requirement also would trigger a provision in a 1988 drought bill allowing oats farmers to plant their crops on acreage previously reserved for other crops. Oats supplies have dropped steadily, and US food companies have had to increase imports this year. Farm groups were seeking the drought bill provision to help limit imports.

Verity says dollar too high, but sees fall in trade deficit

WASHINGTON, Aug 14, (Reuters): US Commerce Secretary William Verity said yesterday the dollar had crept up to too high a level against other major currencies and he hoped it would fall to the levels cited at the June economic summit in Toronto. At the same time, he said the US trade figures to be released on Tuesday would show a rise in exports. Verity said he hoped the overall US trade deficit for 1988 would fall by 20 per cent, from the 1987 deficit of \$170 billion. Verity made his remarks in an interview with Reuters and the international television news agency Visnews. He said the seven major industrial democracies meeting in Toronto agreed to try to keep exchange rates within 5 per cent of their levels at the time of the mid-June summit. It was the first time a Reagan administration official said there was any exchange rate agreement in Toronto. The seven major industrial democracies at the summit said only that a further fall in the dollar or a rise that would destabilise the move toward improving trade balances would be counterproductive. "What came out of that summit was an agreement that could keep the level in the range — they didn't say it that time — but in the range of five per cent, would be an excellent level for the dollar," Verity said. On June 17 the dollar closed in New York at 1.75 German marks and 125.4 yen. The dollar rose to 1.76 marks and 126.4 yen on Friday. The dollar has risen as high as 1.92 marks and 135 yen. It closed on Friday at 1.88 marks and 133 yen.

Three sacked in London insider dealing scandal

LONDON, Aug 14, (Reuters): Three financial securities houses have each dismissed a member of staff for possible insider dealing in the second such scandal to hit London in a week, Sunday newspapers said. Early editions of several newspapers said the three were sacked on Friday for alleged dealings in Pleasurama PLC shares the day before Mecca Leisure Group PLC announced a £588 million (\$1 billion) takeover bid for the leisure group on August 4. Stock exchange officials could not be reached for immediate comment on the reports about the junior corporate finance members of Morgan Grenfell, Samuel Montagu and Lazard Investors. Suspensions arose when Morgan Grenfell discovered evidence of the deals and an exchange of information among the three employees by monitoring telephone conversations, the newspapers said. Morgan Grenfell contacted the other two securities houses and passed the tape to the stock exchange, which began an investigation, the newspapers said. Montagu is acting for Mecca in the Pleasurama bid. Earlier in the week, two dealers working for County NatWest Wood Mackenzie, National Westminster Bank's securities arm, were dismissed for dealing on inside information on Grand Metropolitan before its announcement that it was putting its international hotels chain up for sale.

Reliance Investors Conference ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Reliance Petrochemicals Ltd. Investors Conference, scheduled to be held on the 16th of August 1988, has been postponed. Please watch your local press for the announcement of the new date and in the meanwhile, kindly retain your invitation cards.

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Move to help stocks

Turkey to launch fund in US market

ISTANBUL, Aug. 14, (Reuters): Istanbul's stock market, abandoned by local investors who put their faith in gold and property after a crash last year, is looking overseas for a multi-million dollar lifeline.

Stock exchange officials said a \$60-million "Turkey Fund" would soon come to the rescue of the market, a battered flagship of financial reform under Prime Minister Turgut Ozal.

"If I had a big amount of money to invest in securities in the Turkish market, I would invest (now)," Muharrem Karsli, president of the stock exchange, told Reuters.

Senior Treasury officials said they would launch the fund, a managed portfolio of investments in Turkish companies, on the American market as soon as possible.

The launch, following a July 20 decree opening Turkish stocks to foreign mutual funds, may also help the country's troubled privatisation programme.

Prices and turnover on the exchange are languishing at about a half to a third of levels

before a crash a year ago discouraged ordinary investors.

"The Turkey Fund will bring some liveliness to the exchange, but it can only absorb part of the money... some government shareholdings will be transferred to it," Mehmet Tekbas, chairman of the Capital Markets Board, told Reuters.

Brokers said this would amount to back-door privatisation, a key policy platform undermined by the stock exchange's woes.

Turnover

Shares in a first sale of a stake in Teletas A.S. sold well at 5,000 lira in March but now trade at 2,900 lira. The sale of five cement factories in September is no longer certain.

But brokers said managers of foreign mutual funds were attracted to Turkey despite its volatile economy.

"Demand is buoyant. Now the decrees are reality, fund managers are going to ask boards to put Turkey on their list," said Niko Maksimiyades, managing director of Turkinvest.

But Tekbas said officials

would proceed cautiously.

Just \$1 million could swamp the exchange, where daily turnover now averages 300 million lira (\$200,000) — one ten-thousandth of turnover on the London Stock Market.

The index of the 50-share senior market has fluctuated in the 450/550 range since April, up from a base of 100 in January 1986 but down from a speculative high of 1,332 a year ago.

"A small amount invested from abroad will be sufficient to break the vicious circle," Karsli said.

Investments

"Major Turkish companies are well-run and make good profits," Karsli added. "Shares are very undervalued. Price/earnings ratios average seven or eight."

Reasons for a lack of domestic interest in stock trading also include a 75 per cent inflation rate, monetary austerity since February and an aversion to "paper" savings.

Mergers and acquisitions bypass the exchange, where only 20

to 25 per cent of companies' shares are usually traded.

Turkey's 53 million people are said to be a virgin market for securities, but half of the population lives on the land. Gold and property are their principal investments.

The exchange, which has roots in the late 19th century Ottoman Empire, was drastically reformed 2-1/2 years ago but is suffering growing pains.

Despite a new price change limit of 10 points a day, sudden speculative rises and falls in stocks still occur, prompting one broker to refer to it as "a bit of a casino."

Research Department manager Yilmaz Piroglu said it was even difficult to get information from companies on their basic results.

Value

The 50 senior companies out of nearly 500 listed on the exchange have to be independently audited for the first time this year, but auditing guidelines are not yet set.

Managers of the "Turkey Fund" will try to increase its

value by buying shares of successful companies and selling those of companies with poor prospects.

The fund is being established with the support of the International Finance Corporation. Top US banks and local banks have been approached to manage it but no decisions have yet been taken.

Officials say they hope it will take its place alongside a new breed of US-listed country funds like the India Fund, the Korea Fund and the Thai Fund.

"The Istanbul stock exchange is preparing itself to form the Middle East link of the global belt of stock exchanges," Karsli wrote in the exchange's 1988 half-year report.

But Karsli said some foreign fund managers visiting him in the exchange's bright new building beside the Bosphorus were still concerned about Turkish short-comings like inflation.

"Everyone likes the view," he said, gesturing to ferries and harbour boats plying busily across Istanbul's Golden Horn waterway. "Not everybody likes the stock exchange."

Currency market should determine exchange rate moves

Dollar's fortunes could hinge on US trade report

LONDON, Aug. 14, (Reuters): The dollar, which faltered on Friday, could resume its powerful rally if Tuesday's US trade report suggests America is correcting its huge trade deficit.

A US discount rate hike catapulted the dollar to a 19-month high on Wednesday but worries the US figures would show a bigger-than-expected trade gap left it about two pence and one yen down on the week.

Imports

Monday, which is an Assumption Day holiday in most of Europe, is likely to see scant business on the currency markets ahead of the June trade statistics which will flash up on dealers' screens at 1230 GMT on August 16.

"Everyone's battered down

for the trade figures now," said one London currency dealer. "Nothing much is likely to happen before then."

US economists said the United States sucked in imports briskly during June but exports were also healthy. The consensus among them was the gap grew slightly to \$11 billion from 10.93 in May but estimates spanned 10.70 to 12.50 billion.

Ahead of the crucial figures, the dollar closed in London on Friday worth 1.8815 West German marks and 133.25 Japanese yen, down from around 1.92 marks and almost 135 yen touched earlier in the week.

The market was nervous but several dealers maintained the dollar was a one-way bet.

"The dollar will soon be on its way back up again to 1.90 and

then 1.95 (marks). Although it may be a bit slower this time," said Shinyo Tsuda, foreign exchange manager at Fuji Bank in Düsseldorf.

But official impatience that the dollar's strength would hurt efforts to tackle global trade imbalances surfaced in Europe after the US Federal Reserve (central bank) raised its discount rate down six to 6.5 per cent on Tuesday.

Moves

"It seems the dollar's current rise is a poisoned gift that we could gladly have done without," said a Swiss National Bank official.

West German Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg said a further rise in the dollar would be problematic while the Bank of

England warned about over-optimism on US trade.

Fears that central banks will act if the dollar rises too strongly have helped to curb its rally, economists said.

Stubbornly bullish dealers, however, drew more attention to Japanese Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa's comments that the currency market should determine exchange rate moves.

"If Miyazawa believes this then you can be sure the US administration does too," said one dealer.

Morale

"The dollar is going to remain firm because of the election," said Juerg Dommermuth of Vereins-Und Westbank AG in Hamburg.

The Fed's action, and fears it

would further tighten credit if necessary, triggered a worldwide drop in shares at mid-week. Investors worried that interest rates would rise elsewhere crimping business profits.

Friday's weaker dollar buoyed the morale of many investors in stocks but the share markets remained haunted by worries about inflation and higher interest rates.

Markets will be carefully watching the powerful West German Bundesbank (central bank) for signs of its interest rate policy.

Its seven-member board usually meets on Tuesday to settle the terms of so-called securities repurchase pacts, which are offered for about a month and are used to regulate money market liquidity and short-term interest rates.

Al Naqi praises quality of GCC industrial products

By Abdul Karim Kazem

AFTER the Iran-Iraq ceasefire, the prospects of increasing business of national industries in the region will become a reality according to the Vice Chairman of the Arab Engineering Industries Union, Mohammad Ali Al Naqi.

He said yesterday that the union will provide Arab businessmen and Arab industries with commodities and products required by Iraqi public and private sectors.

Al Naqi praised the quality of industrial products of the GCC states and stressed that these establishments are committed to upholding international specifications.

He added that besides achieving stability, the establishment of peace in the Gulf would reduce risks on transportation, thus, encouraging shipping movement and reduction of insurance and shipping rates on imported goods.

Consequences

The vice chairman, said that though there were positive factors, he warned of dangerous economic consequences in the sense that many foreign establishments stand ready to flood the whole Gulf region with commodities which he described as merely "scrap" as they were rejected in their own countries.

He cautioned local companies in the Gulf states not to deal with foreign firms before ensuring their firms were of the highest quality. This could be achieved through national banks, he said.

He particularly warned Arab governments against dealing with multi-national companies that hide under names of national companies and provide reasonable cuts on some of its products with the aim of competing with national products at the same time substantially increasing prices of products not available locally.

Iraq to privatise tourism industry

AGHDAD, Aug. 14, (Reuters): Iraq said today it would privatise its tourism industry as part of plans to sell off state-run enterprises.

"The Revolutionary Command and Council (RCC) decided to privatise the General Directorate of Tourism and its functions, authorising a committee of experts to sell or rent it to the private sector on a 25-year lease," the official Iraqi News Agency INA said.

Reagan Treasury choice unlikely to push American market reform

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14, (Reuters): President Reagan's Treasury Secretary-designate, Nicholas Brady, wants to reform financial market regulation but is unlikely to push for change in the administration's final months, congressional aides say.

"He has an excellent reputation on Capitol Hill and if he lobbied for it, I am sure there would be significant market reform, but I think he will hold the course steady until after the election," a Senate aide said.

But some industry analysts and congressional aides see the Treasury Secretary-designate playing a larger role to push reforms should Vice-President George Bush win the presidency.

Brady, a Wall Street financier who has close ties to Bush and who headed President Reagan's task force that studied the October 19 stock market crash was chosen on August 5 to succeed James Baker as Treasury Secretary. Baker is leaving his cabinet post after 3-1/2 years to become chairman of Bush's campaign.

The Brady commission

mission said reforms were needed to prevent another Black Monday when the Dow Jones industrial average fell 508 points last October 19.

But President Reagan was cool to the broad proposals to link financial markets and consolidate key regulatory powers within the Federal Reserve (US central bank). The Fed itself strongly opposed a recommendation that the central bank should play a larger role in financial markets regulation.

Brady's central proposal, that the Fed be able to set futures margins, which are good-faith deposits, was strongly opposed by futures exchanges, currently authorised to set the margins. His reform plan, however, fell far short of more radical proposals on Capitol Hill to beef up the Securities and Exchange Commission's (SEC) powers.

Concerns

Now, even though the main author of the reform proposals will hold a high administration post, political considerations in an election year and a short calendar make any significant action unlikely, congressional and industry analysts say.

Brady will have more immediate concerns as Treasury

Secretary than market reform legislation, including the effect of higher interest rates on the US economy and the value of the dollar, as election day nears.

The former Republican Senator from New Jersey is likely to continue Baker's policies promoting both international economic co-operation and co-operation among the various domestic banking and financial regulatory agencies.

"We expect he will be a consistent follow-on to Jim Baker. He has had long experience in financial markets," said John Damgard, president of the Futures Industry Association.

Interest

If Bush is elected President, Brady is likely to remain as Treasury Secretary. He would have a personal interest in putting his ideas into effect, a congressional aide said.

"Brady is an independent guy. He placed his signature on these proposals," said an aide to Senator William Proxmire, a Wisconsin Democrat and proponent of market reform.

The proposals by the Brady Commission won support from state regulatory agencies, which are hopeful that reforms will be enacted during a new administration.

US oil prices buoyed by peace moves

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 14, (Reuters): Optimism over a possible end to the Iran-Iraq war buoyed oil prices this week, but nagging worries about OPEC oversupply limited the week's gains, industry sources said yesterday.

Technical selling and the lack of fresh news in the market produced an off day to end the week, with energy futures pressured lower, traders said.

They attributed the price slide to technical selling and unwinding of spreads just prior to the weekend close. Lack of market direction produced the technical trading, said Peter Beutel of Elders Futures Inc.

Contracts

An estimated 53,150 crude contracts changed hands on Friday on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

September crude oil contracts for West Texas Intermediate — the US benchmark crude — settled 24 cents lower, closing Friday at \$15.52 a barrel. This was about 25 cents a barrel higher than last week.

North Sea Brent oil, the world's most widely-traded blend, settled at \$14.87 a barrel, down from Thursday's settlement price of \$15.20.

KUWAIT

BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
NATIONAL BANK	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.120	1640000	44
GULF BANK	0.455	0.455	0.455	0.455	650000	27
COMMERCIAL BK	0.350	0.345	0.350	0.345	1690000	51
AHLI BANK	0.420	0.415	0.415	0.415	720000	26
B.K.N.E.	0.410	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
K.R.E.B.	0.445	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
BURJAN BANK	0.345	0.345	0.345	0.340	530000	16
K.F.HOUSE	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.540	395000	15
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
KUT INV. CO.	0.184	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
K.I.I.C.	0.178	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
CON.FACILITIES	0.490	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
ARLIAN INV.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
I.F.A.	0.102	0.102	0.102	0.102	140000	6
INV. PEARL KUT	0.114	0.112	0.112	0.112	80000	4
INSURANCE SECTOR						
KUT INSURANCE	0.740	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
GULF INSURANCE	0.370	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
ARLIA INS. CO.	0.600	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
WARBA INS. CO.	0.460	0.450	0.450	0.450	60000	2
REAL ESTATE SECTOR						
KUT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.248	80000	3
UNI R.E.S.T. CO.	0.116	0.116	0.116	0.116	60000	3
MAY R.E.S.T. CO.	0.218	0.214	0.214	0.214	80000	3
SALMIAN R.E.	0.080	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
KUT PROJECTS	0.085	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
KUT R.E.S.T. CON	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
INDUSTRY SECTOR						
KUT IND. CO.	0.510	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
KUT H.P. IND.	0.335	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
KUT CEMENT CO.	0.255	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
REF. IND. CO.	0.410	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
N.A.M.T. CO.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
GULF CABLE	1.070	1.040	1.040	1.040	22202	1
K.P.H. IND. CO.	0.220	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
CONT. MARINE	0.350	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
K.S.H. REP. CO.	0.046	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
SERVICES SECTOR						
OVERLAND TRANS	0.082	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
K.N.C. CO.	0.190	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
KUT HOTELS CO.	0.170	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
CON.HT. CHPK.	0.020	0.020	0.020	0.020	1920000	2
MOBILE TELE.	0.410	0.405	0.405	0.405	140000	8
KUT COMPUTER	0.184	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
FOOD SECTOR						
LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.234	0.230	0.230	0.230	20000	1
UNITO FISHERIES	0.154	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
UNITO POULTRY	0.224	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
KUT FOODS	0.305	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
AGRI. FOOD PRO.	0.150	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
NON-KUT SECTOR						
BIN. INTER. BK	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.069	40000	1
BIN. N.EAST. BK	0.047	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
UNITO. GULF BK	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
COAST INVEST.	0.036	0.036	0.036	0.036	480000	4
A.G. INV. CORP	0.029	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
FIRST. GULF BK	0.620	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
S.K.I.G.	0.080	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
KUWAIT STOCK EXCHANGE						
COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL MARKET						
FINANCIAL SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
PEARL INV. CO.	0.098	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
GULF INV. CO.	0.041	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
GULF INTL. INS.	0.009	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
ARAB INT. CO.	0.055	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
SHARJAH INS.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
GULF UNION INS.	0.070	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR						
B-GULF MEDICAL	0.027	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
C-R.K. WHITE CHMT	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.024	800000	3
D-AJMAN CEMENT	0.007	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
E-FUJAIRAH CEMENT	0.009	0.008	0.009	0.008	5480000	14
F-SHARJAH CEMENT	0.010	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
G-GULF CEMENT	0.016	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
H-UNI. QATARIN	0.020	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 14/8/88			
B.No.	Ship Name	Agent	Tel.
1	Al Naseer	KSA	4843150
2	Zarka	Gh & Q	4747815
3	Shalamar	Barwil	4842988
6	Rashidah	Gh & Q	4747815
7	Kanika	-----	-----
7H3	Atlantic Peffer	Sager Ship	2432692
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT			
ETA	Ship Name	Agent	Tel.
15/8	Pelagos	Yass	4745553
15/8	Mersk Astro	Behbeh	2412085
15/8	Fruzanest	Al Sawan	4746018
SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT			
B.No.	Ship Name	Agent	Tel.
2	Pearl	S.M.S	4745471
3	Uco-XVII	Sager Sha	2432692
14	Hercules	BB Hassan	2440359
15	Great Liberty	Al Kamal	2425437
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT			
ETA	Ship Name	Agent	Tel.
10/8	Willine Orient	Barwil	4842988
11/8	Providence Bay	K.M.M.C.	2419814
11/8	New Oasis	A.S. Marafie	4848665
17/8	Soya Maru	R.S.M.S.	2423642
16/8	Trade Freedom	M.A. Bahar	2433881
17/8	Dravur	M.A. Bahar	2433881
22/8	Atropos	M.A. Bahar	2433881

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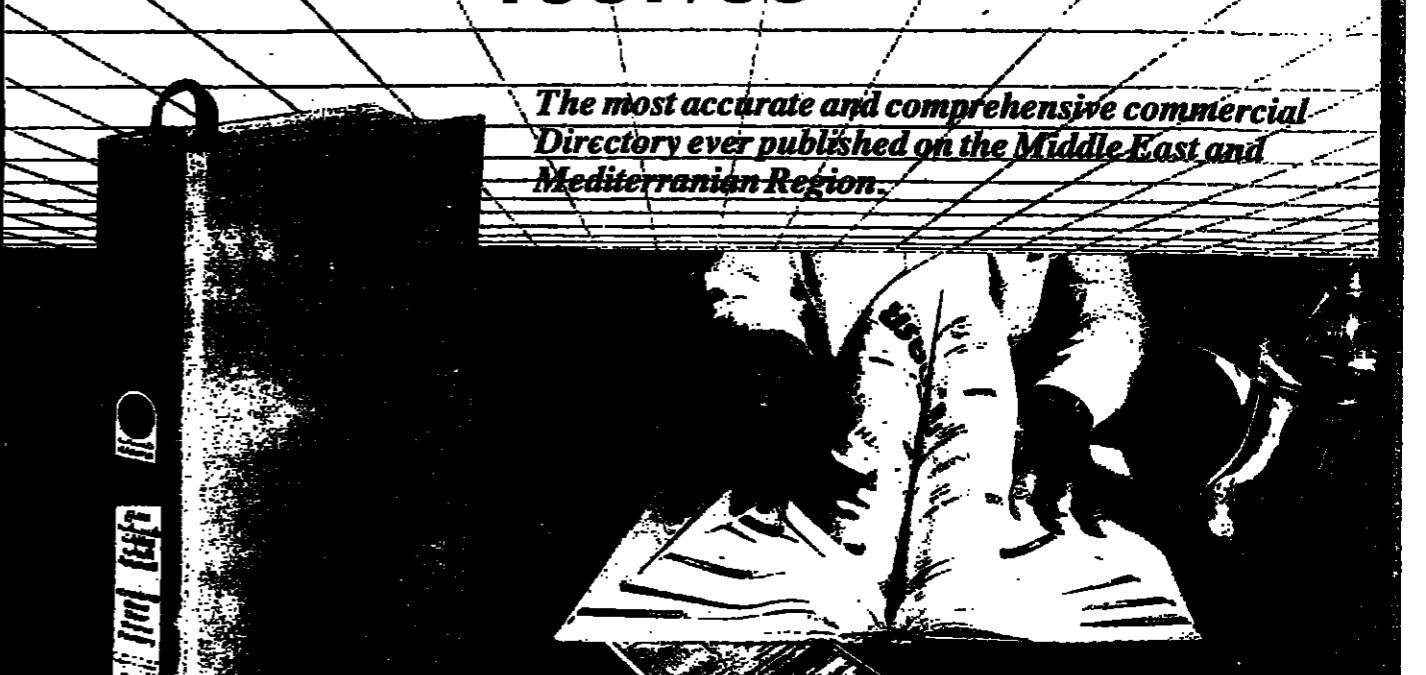
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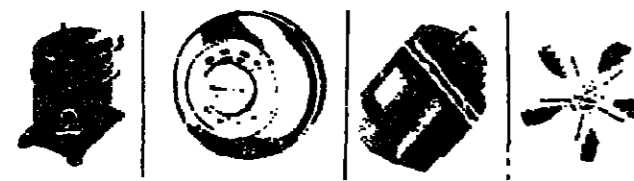
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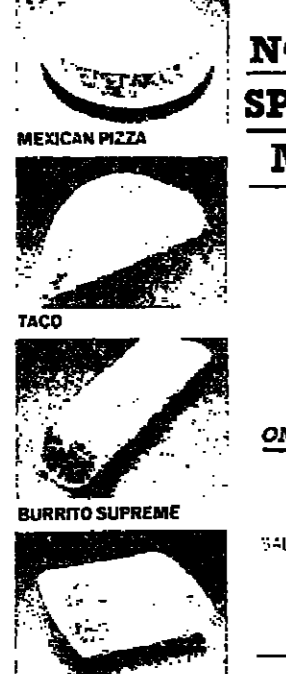
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CURREN ENDS WOODFORDE'S UPSET STREAK

Lendl edges Connors for final



Curren serves to Woodforde. (Reuter wirephoto)

TORONTO, Aug. 14, (Reuter): Ivan Lendl overcame wily veteran Jimmy Connors, and Kevin Curren ended the upset-run of Australian Mark Woodforde in the semi-finals of the Canadian Open tennis championships yesterday.

Lendl's blistering serve was the difference in a 6-4 6-4 victory over the fourth-seeded Connors who was running down balls like a teenager despite the sweltering heat that reached 43 degrees Celsius on court.

Dipped
The unseeded Woodforde, who had ousted Wimbledon champion Stefan Edberg and John McEnroe on his way to the semi-finals, fell to the 14th-seeded Curren 6-4 6-2.

Lendl, the number one player in the world, and Curren were to play for a first-prize check of \$119,700 today.

Connors dipped into his deep bag of tricks and tried some rushing to fluster the Czechoslovak in the first set as he went to the net 35 times and came away with 24 winners.

But Lendl, who fired in eight aces, scored breaks in the seventh game of both sets to edge the 35-

year-old Connors.

"I think I played well under the conditions," said Lendl, who played a late match on Friday.

"I only had four hours sleep and couldn't wind down because of the extreme heat. When it's so hot, you just have to pace yourself and leave something for the second set."

Connors, who will turn 36 on September 2, went all out but conceded his best matches against Lendl were behind him.

"They don't like losing to an old guy like me and I don't like losing to younger guys," said Connors.

"When you see the temperature gauge bearing past 110 degrees (43 C), you can get a little crazy," said Connors. "But I think I was still going for the shots, whether I got there in time was another matter."

Lendl, who has been troubled by shoulder and leg problems, said he felt he was approaching top form.

"This is the kind of match I need before the US Open," said Lendl. "I feel I'm in good shape and my quickness has picked up."

Lendl, a four-time winner of

this event, is still trying to catch Connors in one department—he has held the world number one ranking for 152 successive weeks and is closing in on Connors's record of 160 straight weeks at the top.

Curren has played Lendl seven times, with Lendl leading the series, 5-2.

"It's a match I look forward to. If I serve well and come in on him I feel I can beat him," the South-African born Curren said of his upcoming match with Lendl.

Intimidated
"I'm a little unpredictable. That unnerves him. But these (hardcourts) are his best surface and he's the world's best player so I'll have to get out of the gate early. But I've been around long enough not to be intimidated by him."

Woodforde said he was disappointed with his play and regretted missing another chance to play Lendl, against whom he held a match point at Wimbledon.

"I'm disappointed I didn't put up a better show. I was very lack-lustre on the court. I had no Australian guts," said Woodforde.



Evert scored an easy win over Rehe

Evert to face Sabatini in Los Angeles final

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 14, (Reuter): Top-seeded Chris Evert beat eighth-seeded Stephanie Rehe 6-3 6-3 last night to advance to the final of the \$300,000 Los Angeles women's tennis tournament.

She will meet third-seeded Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina, who has beaten her four times in 14 meetings.

Evert, third in the world, departed slightly from her traditional baseline strategy by using her first serve to force shorter rallies and to make fellow American Rehe rush her shots on the hard courts.

Playing her first tournament since her July 30 wedding to skier Andy Mill, she took a 3-0 lead in the first set, but the 25th-ranked Rehe rallied to 3-3 before Evert swept back.

Rehe fell behind 0-2 in the second set and could not recover despite breaking Evert's serve twice in the set and being able to stay in the points with Evert.

Evert said she had expected a tough match.

"Stephanie plays the same type of game I do, and I think (the difference was) I served well, got a lot of good first serves in and kept the pressure on her. I'm not surprised that the match was more competitive than my first three," said Evert.

Sabatini needed seven match points to defeat fifth-seeded American Zina Garrison 6-3 5-7 7-5 in a two-hour, 40 minute baseline duel neither player controlled until the final shot.

She had triple match point at 5-4, 40-0 on Garrison's serve in the second set but Garrison saved all three and went on to win the set.

Sabatini, ranked fifth in the world, achieved the early break to go 4-2 up in the final set but Garrison came back again. The 18-year-old Argentinian finally broke through to win on her seventh match point in the 12th game of the final set.

"I tried my heart out and I never gave up. I knew I could do it," she said.

Moon outpoints Galaxy for bantamweight crown

SEOUL, Aug. 14, (Reuter): South Korean Moon Sung-Kil won the World Boxing Association (WBA) bantamweight title today with a unanimous points decision over champion Khaokor Galaxy of Thailand.

The fight was stopped by Japanese referee Ken Morita midway through the sixth round of the scheduled 12-round fight when Moon suffered a bad cut over his right eye caused by an accidental butting.

Based on points scored in the

previous rounds, the referee declared Moon winner of the fight.

Galaxy, 28, was making his first defence of the title which he wrested from Wilfredo Vasquez of Puerto Rico in Bangkok last May.

Moon, 24, a hard-punching former world amateur bantamweight champion, won the WBA crown in only his seventh professional outing. He had won all his previous six fights by knockout.

Moneghetti runs to victory in road race

SYDNEY, Australia, Aug. 14, (AP): Steve Moneghetti of Australia, who will represent his country in the marathon at the Seoul Olympic Games, today ran to an emphatic victory over 36,000 rivals in the 14-kilometre (8.7-mile) Sydney city-to-surf road race.

Moneghetti clocked 40 minutes 17 seconds over the hilly course from the Sydney City centre to the beachside suburb of Bondi.

His time was just nine seconds outside the course record set by former world marathon champion Robert de Castella of Australia in 1981.

Moneghetti finished 42 seconds ahead of last year's winner, Brad Camper of Australia, with a 41:07. Olympic marathon trials winner Mark Conover of the United States third in 41:01.

Happy
Alain Lazare of France was fourth in 41:07.

"I was really going for the record at the end, but I guess I just wasn't good enough over the last kilometre," Moneghetti said.

"I'm still happy with the time and the way the race went."

Lisa Martin, also an Australian Olympic marathon entrant, won the women's race in a course record time of 45 minutes 45 seconds, smashing the previous mark of 47:36 set by New Zealander Alison Roe in 1981.

we can do about it.

"We are all supportive of Kimball's situation, but we're out of touch with it. At this point, there is not going to be any final determination in that case for quite some time."

O'Brien said he talked with Dick Kimball earlier in the week. "He's good and bad," O'Brien said. "He's still very upset and doing the best he can to hold together for Bruce."

According to US diving executive director Todd Smith, qualifying is the sole criteria for competing in the trials. Kimball cannot be prevented from competing.

"We have to take first things first right now," O'Brien said. "I can't answer how a diver can get himself back together mentally and physically for this competition. We will just have to wait and see when he walks out here."

"I don't have mixed emotions about this," O'Brien said. "It's not my place to make judgements in that situation. The decision is up to him."

Dittmar cruises past Martin

BRISBANE, Australia, Aug. 14, (Reuter): South Australian Chris Dittmar yesterday evening finally won the Australian Open squash title which has eluded him for years.

He has been in devastating form throughout the championships played at the Queen Elizabeth II squash stadium in Brisbane, and in the final Queensland Rodney Martin was unable to counter his skill and determination.

The scoreline was 9-1, 9-4, 9-3 and Dittmar never looked in danger of losing.

Vicki Cardwell, a seasoned campaigner from Victoria, beat Michelle Martin to regain the women's title she last won in 1984.

Kimball plans to compete in Olympic trials

Wharton and Myers set US records

AUSTIN, Texas, Aug. 14, (Reuter): David Wharton and Angel Myers set US records in qualifying for the Seoul Games yesterday as the US Olympic swimming trials came to a close.

Wharton, who has a 50 per cent hearing loss in each ear and wears a hearing aid out of the pool, broke the US mark in the 200-metre individual medley in two minutes 0.98 of a second.

Qualified
"My time in this meet is another stepping stone to the Olympics," said Wharton, who qualified for the 400-metre individual medley earlier in the week.

The previous US record was 2:02.23, set in 1986 by Pablo Morales. Morales, Olympic silver medalist and world record holder in the 100-metre butterfly, failed his last chance at making the Seoul team as he finished 12th in the event.

"The overriding feeling is one of confusion," said a dazed Morales. "Right now I have a lot of questions without answers."

I'm going to buy a ticket to somewhere to relax and think."

Myers broke the US record in the women's 50-metre freestyle by clocking 25.59 seconds to add to her earlier wins here in the 100-metre freestyle and 100-metre butterfly.

World record holder Mary Meagher won the 200-metre butterfly in 2:09.13. Meagher had already clinched a berth on her third US Olympic team by qualifying in the 100-metre butterfly.

"I'm a lot older now, but it still feels great to be going back to the Olympics," said Meagher. "I don't have the gold medal locked up for Seoul. I'll have to make a lot of improvements in the next five weeks."

Texas Jill Sterkel, 27, missed out in her bid to become the first American woman to qualify for four Olympic teams when she finished third in 25.57.

Meanwhile, Olympic silver medalist Bruce Kimball, who has been charged with two counts of vehicular homicide,

yesterday revealed plans to compete in the US Olympic diving trials starting on Wednesday.

Dick Kimball, the diver's father and coach, made the announcement at the diving facility where Kimball has resumed training for the Indianapolis trials.

Kimball drove his sportscar into a crowd of teenagers last Monday in Brandon, killing two people and injuring six. Tests showed that his blood alcohol level was twice the legal limit.

Touch

Kimball, 25, has been charged with two counts of vehicular homicide, which carry sentences of up to 10 years each. He is currently free on \$10,000 bond.

US Olympic coach Ron O'Brien was with his Mission Bay Club divers in Indianapolis when the accident occurred.

"There was shock, a real sadness and depression the first couple of days," O'Brien told Reuters in a telephone interview yesterday. "But there's not much

Bodine loses bid for 2nd straight crown

Unser Jr clinches IROC title

WATKINS GLEN, New York, Aug. 14, (AP): Al Unser Jr led from the start yesterday and won the final round of the International Race of Champions that gave the Indy-car driver his second series championship in three years.

The driver earned \$211,900 in winning the four-race championship. He also won the all-star series in 1986, finished second last year and now is the all-time leading IROC money winner with \$524,900.

Geoff Bodine started the 30-lap race on the 2.428-mile (3.907-kilometre) road course at Watkins Glen International leading Unser by two points. But he lost his bid for a second straight

IROC title because of two spins that took him off-course.

The second spin Bodine's car skidding hard into a steel guardrail on lap 18. The stock car star, who was coming off a victory a week earlier in the IROC round at Michigan International Speedway, escaped injury, but the car was too badly damaged to continue.

Repeat
A year ago, Bodine also started the final race leading Unser by two points. He got a big jump at the start and led all the way to take the prestigious title.

Unser wasn't about to allow a repeat of that 1987 start. The first time the cars headed toward the flagstand stand, he started racing

so soon, starter Duane Ford refused to wave the green flag.

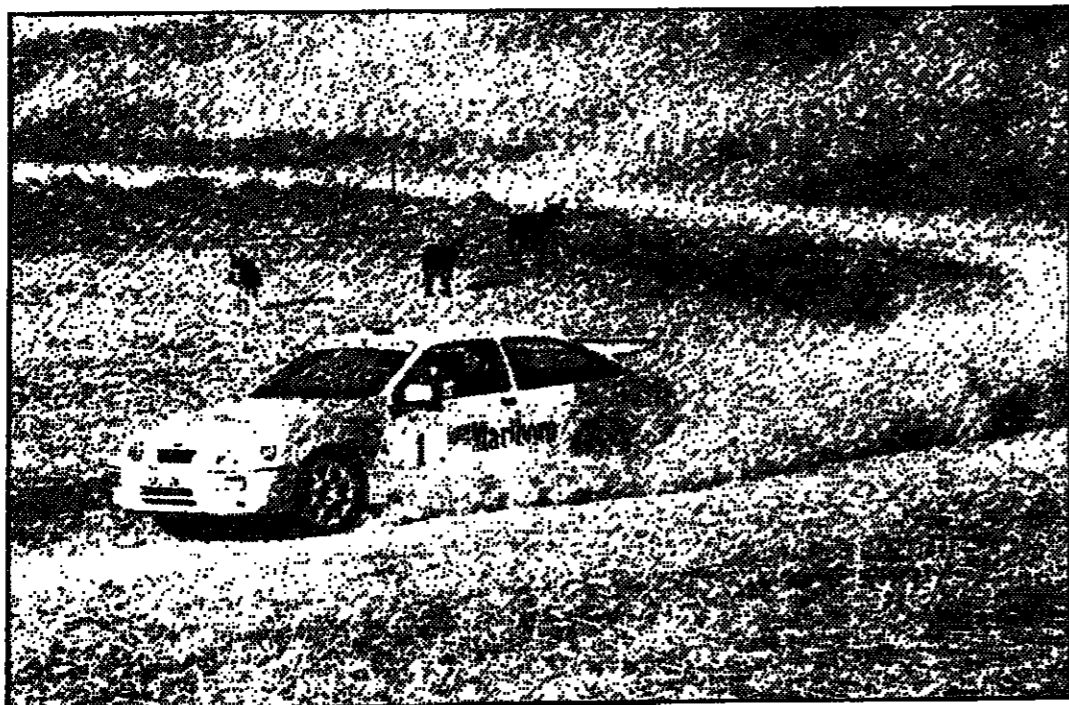
The field of identically-prepared IROC-Z Chevrolet Camaros re-formed and got a clean start on the second try, but Unser still got a big jump and wound up leading all the way.

Indy-car drivers now have won 15 of 49 IROC races and six of 12 championships. Yesterday's race was the 11th time a driver led all the way.

Nascar star Terry Labonte was second, 1.58-seconds behind, followed by Scott Pruett.

Labonte, trailing Unser 66-55 in the point standings, earned \$95,000, while Pruett with 51 points reaped \$72,900 of a total purse valued at \$639,700.

Rallies compete for World Championship status



Bin Sulayem during last month's Morocco Rally. He went out on the first leg.

Time check points were apparently as much as ten miles away from the area where the rally was being held. Apparently Promocourse, a sort of French "rent a rally" which was organising the event for the first time, had tried to cut corners by using young, untrained labour for many functions, and marshalls and officials simply weren't always sure what they were meant to be doing and why.

This year the rally had been tightened up considerably. No-one reported finding any check points in the wrong place, and with a pronounced improvement in the weather as a result of the decision to push the event forward from November to July, no stages had to be cancelled. Drivers, officials and press had instead to contend with heat so intense that their cars were having severe fuel vaporisation problems.

The press office was appalling, as was the flow of information—the main control was still at Marrakech while the rally stages were well away in Ouzarale, a distance of 600 kilometres. On the other hand the officials were experienced and helpful—some of the time.

Promocourse is vastly experienced at running events in France and elsewhere, and are

notable mainly for their running of the press office for the French Grand Prix. There can be little doubt however that this husband and wife company is not a patch on Derek Ledger and his team of volunteers when it comes to running a successful rally.

Paradoxically, those most familiar with international motor sports body (FISA) and its workings say that Morocco stands a much better chance of World Championship inclusion than its Middle East rival. The reason? The main language of the Rallye du Maroc is French, and this apparently suits FISA down to the ground.

A senior FISA official told the Arab Times in Jordan that the main problem was not how good the individual rallies vying for World Championship inclusion were, but the fact that FISA is actually planning to reduce the number of World Championship rounds; the competition from those outside looking in is intense.

The FISA official was under no doubt that the Jordan rally was better than some currently included within the World Championship. Meanwhile other observers who attend the whole World Championship calendar of events were confident that Morocco was not really up to scratch.

One thing is clear however; no-one expects the question of which, if any rally, will succeed to the World Championship to be decided in terms of merit alone.



Pirates' R.J. Reynolds (left) avoids the tag of Phillies first baseman Ricky Jordan. (Reuter wirephoto)

Expos edge closer to Mets

NEW YORK, Aug. 14, (AP): A couple of Minor Leaguers have made a major difference for the Montreal Expos.

Montreal scored four unearned runs in the first inning and Pascual Perez scattered five hits in seven innings as the Expos beat New York 7-4 yesterday to pull within 4-1/2 games of the first-place Mets in the National League East.

The Expos have stolen 39 bases in their last 20 games and manager Buck Rodgers credits the promotion of Rex Hudler and Ois Nixon from the Expos Indianapolis Farm Club on June 21 with helping to turn things around.

"They have given us the speed," Rodgers said. "For some reason, the starting pitching became super solid at around the same time. As a matter of fact, that speed may have helped the pitching."

"The Mets are still the team to beat, but they are catchable. We

had a lot of experimenting to do at the start of the season, and all I wanted to do was not fall out of the race. New York was set from opening day," Rodgers said.

In Chicago, Jamie Moyer broke a personal seven-game losing streak at Wrigley Field by pitching a six-hitter and Ryne Sandberg drove in three runs with a two-run homer and a triple as the Cubs beat the Cardinals 5-1.

Moyer, 6-11, had not won at home since June 22, 1987. He walked three and struck out four for his second complete game of the season. Bob Forsch, 6-4, gave up three runs in the fourth inning.

The Reds beat the Braves 3-1 in Cincinnati as Danny Jackson pitched a four-hitter to become the National League's third 16-game winner. Chris Sabo hit a tie-breaking single in the seventh inning.

Houston's Mike Scott pitched a four-hitter, increasing his

career record against San Diego to 12-0 in the Astrodome, and Terry Puhl hit a seventh-inning sacrifice in a 1-0 Astros victory over the Padres.

Scott, 13-3, has won four consecutive decisions and seven of his last eight. He struck out nine and walked one in his seventh complete game and fifth shutout of the season.

In Philadelphia, Barry Bonds homered twice, singled twice and drove in a career-high five runs in a 10-4 Pirates victory over the Phillies.

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by Gail Seery

THE Middle East Championship's Jordan Rally is only one of a large number of contenders for the coveted World Championship rally status. July's Rallye du Maroc, has similar pretensions, and appears to hold a strong lead, for reasons which appear have little to do with the rally itself.

Last year's Morocco rally was nothing of a disaster. For one heavy rain washed away much of the route, and what was envisaged as a gruelling four day marathon by competing crews, came a mini-event, with some legs actually being cancelled or they had been run.

Problems
Middle East champion Ibrahim Bin Sulayem came out in the event in 1987, and with his own problems with the organisers. He had taken a fast-stage time on one of the sections which he thought put him into the lead. In slippery and treacherous conditions, he needed the Marlboro backed Sierra RS Cosworth, erring not to take any chances. However, the organisers had decided to cancel the section, but 'I notify the team until it was late in the event to make up my mind. Sulayem who might have been coming in first, relegated to a frustrated and position, so that this was by any means only organisational problem.

SPORTS

FALDO FOUR SHOTS OFF PACE IN PGA TOURNEY

Azinger retains one-stroke lead

EDMOND, Okla., Aug. 14. (Reuters) Paul Azinger shot an even-par 71 yesterday to maintain a one-stroke lead going into the final round of the 1988 American PGA championship.

Azinger, who scored a hole-in-one and followed it with a double bogey, had a 54-hole total of 204, nine under par and one better than fellow-American Dave Rummels, who carded a three-under-par 68.

Managed
American Jeff Sluman, who also shot 68 on a hot, windy day, was in third place, three strokes behind Azinger and one ahead of Nick Faldo of Britain, who managed a one-under 70.

"That was the most exhilarating thing in the world," the 28-year-old Azinger said of his ace on the 200-yard fourth hole, where his six iron tee shot landed on the front of the green and rolled straight into the cup.

The ace, Azinger's second in formal competition, gave him a four-shot lead, but he squandered two strokes on the next hole, where an errant approach shot hit a cart path and bounced into a lake.

"That brought me down in a real hurry," said Azinger. "After the double bogey I was real glad I still had the lead."



Azinger rejoices after making a hole-in-one on the fourth hole. (Reuters wirephoto)

Azinger said he was not bothered by the strong Oklahoma wind that blew all day, making the 7,015-yard Oak Tree Golf club course play much harder than on the first two days, when the course record fell twice.

"I'm a pretty good wind player," said Azinger, who was

second to Faldo in the last year's British Open.

"It was a totally different golf course today," said Rummels, who set the course record with a seven-under-par 64 on Friday. "It was a monster compared to the first 36 holes."

It did not seem to affect Rum-

mels, however. He made four birdies and only one bogey, when he hit a nine iron 180 yards over the 12th green.

Faldo played his usual steady golf, making 17 pars and one birdie, at the 479-yard par-five 16th.

"Boredom," Faldo said when he was asked to describe his round. He has now gone 27 holes without a bogey. "Yeah, and only one birdie," he said ruefully.

"I've been telling my putter that I'm going to get rid of it if it doesn't start working, but it's not listening to me," said Faldo, who was third in the British Open a month after losing a playoff for the US Open title in June.

A stroke behind Faldo were Americans Kenny Knox, who carded a 68, Payne Stewart, who shot 70, and Steve Jones, who came in with a 72.

Azinger's ace was one of two made yesterday, bringing the total in the championship to a surprising four.

A few minutes after Azinger's hole-in-one Raymond Floyd put an eight iron shot into the hole on the 171-yard eighth hole.

However, the ace came too late for Floyd, a two-time winner of this major championship who made two double bogeys in the first three holes.

Earlier in the tournament Americans Gene Sauers and David Edwards made aces.

Six players were six strokes off the pace, including Mark McNulty of Zimbabwe, who shot the low score of the day, a 67 — as did countryman Nick Price.

Joining McNulty at 210 were former PGA champions Floyd and David Graham of Australia as well as Americans Ben Crenshaw, Dan Pohl and Jay Overton, the Florida club professional who started the day one behind Azinger but ballooned to 76.

Price, second in last month's British Open, was in a group at 211 that included Australian Greg Norman, who struggled to a one-over 72.

Fell
They were joined by Americans Mark O'Meara and Scott Hoch and Tommy Nakajima of Japan, who fell off the pace with 74.

Norman started off the day with two bogeys, missing an 18-inch putt on the first hole, and twice followed a birdie with a bogey.

The wind took its toll on several players including former champion Hubert Green who shot an 83, and local resident Doug Tewell who had an 81.

Adnan helps Capri rout Union for title

CAPRI Cricket Club thrashed Union Cricket Club by six wickets in the final of the Capri Summer League (1987-88 season) to clinch the title at the Sanaya ground on Friday.

Union won the toss and elected to bat, opening their innings through Mehboob and Abid. Mehboob with 53 and Maqsood 49 were the only batsmen to put up any resistance as the whole Union side was out for 165 runs. Mehboob hit five fours in his innings while Maqsood hit three.

The only other Union batsmen to reach the double figures were Shehzad and Arshad with 11 and 12 runs respectively.

The Capri bowlers did not allow any Union batsman to take control of the game with Nareesh putting in the best performance of his team. Nareesh took three wickets for only 29 runs in his six overs.

Quick
Robin gave some good support to Nareesh with two wickets for 24 runs in four overs while Nasir, Sarfaraz, Sajid and Adnan took one wicket each.

Adnan opened Capri's innings with Raju and both the batsmen kept up with the required run-rate from the start of their innings. Raju was out after scoring 21 quick runs but Adnan kept on hammering the Union bowlers.

Adnan was very severe on Maqsood whom he hit for 16 runs in one over, including two sixes. Adnan went on to score 79 with the help of three sixes and two fours.

Bitu took over from where Adnan left and added 25 runs while Zia remained unbeaten on 35 as Capri went past the victory target for the loss of only four wickets.

The Capri batsmen completed the required runs in 27 overs. The only successful Union bowler was Jamil who took two wickets for 27 runs in six overs.

The prizes were given away at the end of the match by Afzal Chughtai with the Man of the Match award going to Adnan for his brilliant innings.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

PLM Open

FALSTERBO, Sweden, Aug. 14. (Reuters) Frank Nobilo of New Zealand held off another fine challenge from titleholder Howard Clark of Britain to become the seventh men's winner on the 1988 European Golf Tour in the PLM Open at Flommens today.

Prague GP

PRAGUE, Aug. 14. (Reuters) Austrian Thomas Muster conquered Argentina's Guillermo Perez-Roldan and sizzling heat to win the \$176,000 Prague Grand Prix tennis tournament today.

Lone candidate

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone, Aug. 14. (AP) Sierra Leone's lone candidate for the men's 5,000-metre race at the Seoul Games collapsed and died during the country's Olympic trials, it was revealed today.

Carlsson wins

SAINT VINCENT, Italy, Aug. 14. (UPI) Swedish clay court specialist Kent Carlsson overwhelmed Frenchman Thierry Champion 6-0, 6-2 today in the final of a \$155,000 Men's Grand Prix event to score his fourth tournament victory since coming back last spring from knee surgery.

US athletes

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Aug. 14. (Reuters) Athletes who tested positive for banned substances at last month's US Olympic trials had been using herbal teas and over-the-counter medication, according to US officials who indicated that no suspensions were likely.

W.German soccer

BONN, Aug. 14. (Reuters) Michael Harforth scored twice yesterday to carry Karlsruhe to a 3-1 win over the Stuttgart Kickers and into first place in the West German soccer First Division. Defending champions Werder Bremen's beat UEFA Cup holders Bayer Leverkusen 3-1 to move into second place.

Women's tennis

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Aug. 14. (AP) Conchita Martinez of Spain defeated Austria's Barbara Paulus 6-1, 6-2, in the women's singles final of the \$100,000 Vito-sha tennis tournament today. The tournament counts towards the Virginia Slims World Championship.

BRIDGE

THE Regency Palace hotel held its first marathon bridge game on Friday, Aug. 12. Following are the results:
1. Jaya Sapre & Desmond Pereira
2. Marcel Zanussi & Ibrahim Qattan
3. Rita Canaciani & Adly Tibi and Dhruba Mukerjee & F. Chandury
5. V. Babinov & G. Darko
6. Adel Bayoumi & Aubrey D'Souza

Results of the Hobara Bridge Club game held on Saturday:
N/S
1. Mukerjee & Chandury
2. Dr. Parekh & Sapre
3. Nabil & Nabil Akel and Capt. Sal-man & Sinop

E/W
1. Mrs Sapre & D. Pereira
2. Menon & Berkly
3. Drexler & Adham

Arsenal blast Bayern at Wembley

LONDON, Aug. 14. (UPI) Arsenal won the first international club soccer tournament to be held in England today when it followed up yesterday's 4-0 win over arch-rival Tottenham with a 3-0 victory over Bayern Munich of West Germany.

Arsenal finished with a maximum haul of four points to win the Wembley international tournament at Wembley stadium on goal difference from Italian champion AC Milan which also finished with a maximum four points from its two games.

Injured
Milan, which played both its matches without European Footballer of the Year Ruud Gullit, whose injured knee failed to respond to treatment, beat Bayern 1-0 yesterday and Tottenham 2-1 today.

Bayern finished third and Tottenham fourth.

Arsenal took 72 minutes to break down a tight Bayern defence today, the breakthrough

coming when striker Alan Smith forced the ball over the line from close range following a scramble in the German goalmouth.

Four minutes later Smith headed home a near post corner from Brian Marwood to score his third goal of the weekend.

Lee Dixon, one of Arsenal's new young players, capped an outstanding weekend when he scored the third Arsenal goal with five minutes to play, sweeping the ball home after goalkeeper Raimond Aumann failed to hold a fierce shot from David Rocastle.

The only worry for Arsenal was when Rocastle was carried off with an injury a minute from time.

Arsenal picked up a first prize of £100,000 and in both matches displayed teamwork and some superb defending which could well see it challenge for the major honours in England in the new season which starts on Aug. 27.

AC Milan showed that it

should also be challenging for honours in both Italy and the European champions Cup.

The reigning Italian champion beat Tottenham 2-1 today with first half goals from Antonio Viridis and Marco van Basten.

Terry Fenwick scored for Spurs after 60 minutes.

Milan's first goal after 12 minutes was a simple one for Viridis who also scored the only goal in Milan's win yesterday.

Tottenham almost went ahead after 20 seconds, but wasted that chance and several others during the match.

Lineups:
TOTTENHAM: Bobby Mimms, Mitchell Thomas, Chris Hughton, Terry Fenwick, Chris Fairclough, Gary Mabbutt, Paul Walsh (Paul Moran 72nd), Gary Gascoigne, Chris Waddle, Paul Stewart, Paul Allen.
AC MILAN: Giovanni Galli, Mauro Tassotti, Roberto Mucci (Walter Bianchi 77th), Angelo Colombo (Daniele Massaro

46th), Alessandro Costacurta, Franco Baresi, Roberto Donadoni, Frank Rijkaard, Marco van Basten, Alberigo Evani, Antonio Viridis.

ARSENAL: John Lukic, Lee Dixon, Nigel Tinterburn, Michael Thomas, Steve Bould, Tony Adams, David Rocastle (Kevin Richardson 89th), Paul Davis, Alan Smith, Paul Merson (Martin Hayes 69th), Brian Marwood.

BAYERN MUNICH: Raimond Aumann, Norbert Nachtweih, Hans Pfugler, Erland Johnson, Klaus Augenthaler, Uli Bayerschmidt (Hans-Dieter Flick 85th), Armin Eck, Stefan Reuter, Jurgen Wegmann, Olaf Thon, Johnny Ekström, Roland Grahammer 69th).

Attendance at both matches:

27,750
Final standings:
Arsenal 2 2 0 0 7 0 4
AC Milan 2 0 0 3 1 4
B. Munich 2 0 0 2 0 4
Tottenham 2 0 0 2 1 6 0

Toulon edge Monaco for top spot

PARIS, Aug. 14. (Reuters) A single goal snatched from Monaco was enough to put Toulon at the top of French soccer's First Division yesterday, two points ahead of their closest rivals.

Last year's winners Monaco kept up the pressure for 90 minutes but failed to pierce a solid Toulon defence.

Toulon played a tight game and passed well. A 35th minute goal from defender Luigi Genaro Alfano gave them the match.

This season's stars, newly-promoted Sochaux, started off well with an early goal against

Bordeaux, last season's runners-up.

But in the second half of a tough match Briton Clive Allen converted a penalty to equalise with the little team from eastern France.

Sochaux can still be proud, however, of their second place standing in the League, ahead of Paris Saint Germain, who cruised to a 3-0 victory at home against Caen.

Caen, who were also promoted to the First Division this season, have yet to score a point in their six matches they have played this year.

Results					
Nice	1	Laval	0		
Strasbourg	4	Lez	0		
Paris SG	3	Caen	0		
Toulon	1	Monaco	0		
Auxerre	0	Canes	0		
Lille	0	Nantes	1		
Toulouse	2	Metz	1		
Sochaux	1	Bordeaux	1		
Montpellier	0	Metz	1		

Standings					
Leading standings (tabulated under games played, won, drawn, lost goals for, against, points):					
Sochaux	6	4	2	0	14
Paris SG	6	3	0	1	12
Monaco	6	3	2	1	11
Sochaux	5	2	1	2	11
Nantes	6	3	2	1	11

Kuwaitis prepare for Seoul Olympics

By Lima Al Khalafawi

KUWAITI sportsmen due to participate in the forthcoming Seoul Olympics are in the final phase of training, the chairman of the Kuwait Olympic Committee and head of the delegation to the Games Sheikh Salman Al Hmoud Al Sabah said.

He added that the aim of this training was to raise the standard of the Kuwaiti athletes so as to achieve some success at the Games.

Strengthen
Sheikh Hmoud said that the Kuwait Olympic Committee always strives to enhance sports activities. Kuwaiti participation in the 24th Olympics reflects the committee's efforts to strengthen ties between Kuwaiti youths and those of the world, in keeping with the principles of the Olympic convention, he said.

"Kuwait's committee has gained a lot of insight and is impressed with the efforts made by South Korea to make the forthcoming Olympics a real success," he said.

The Kuwaiti Olympic committee held many meetings with other unions to co-ordinate efforts and set up camps for qualifying athletes and arrange budgets.

Plans to meet the needs for

accommodation, transportation, medical facilities, food and other requirements of the team and the accompanying members are being finalised by the committee.

The chairman said that the Olympic Games will provide intense competition — especially among participants from the US and European countries.

He ruled out any dispute between the two Koreas which could adversely affect the success of the Olympics. He said that the government of South Korea and the organising committee exerted all efforts to ensure the maximum success of the Olympic Games.

He stressed that South Korea's success will be an achievement for the whole Asian continent. He said he is confident of South Korea's organising capabilities, since they organised such events in the past, including the 1986 Asian Games.

Sheikh Hmoud praised the step taken by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister to send presidents of sports clubs to the Kuwaiti delegation to the Seoul Games.

He said that all officials, headed by HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince, have been paying great attention to youths and sports in the country. HH the Crown Prince's initiative is a

reflection of this great concern, he said. This initiative reflects HH's conviction that youths are the backbone for development of any country.

Sending presidents of the various sports clubs will give them the opportunity to see how major sports events are organised, he said. This will certainly be positively reflected on sports in the country, he said.

The chairman expressed his optimism about the sports movement in Kuwait and said this bright future could be more successful if a number of things are provided for sports activities.

These include providing necessary facilities for training by the various teams, using capable administrative staffs, and solving obstacles faced by players, since many of them are in schools or are employed or are in the Army.

Incentives
He proposed financial incentives for players to encourage them improve their standards, adding that enough money should be allocated to help the national teams take part in different sports events.

He also praised the development of Kuwaiti foreign sports relations and added that this is demonstrated in the number of sports agreements and protocols signed with many countries.

US triumph

FENTON, Missouri, Aug. 14. (AP) Frank Klopas scored two second-half goals yesterday as the United States scored its most goals in 20 years, beating Jamaica 5-1 to advance to the final round of qualifying for soccer's 1990 World Cup.

With the score tied 1-1, the United States scored four goals during a 17-minute span.

Hugo Perez of the San Diego Sockers snapped a 1-1 tie with a penalty kick in the 68th minute. Klopas scored in the 76th minute to make it 3-1 and Paul Krumpke scored two minutes later. Klopas scored again in the 85th minute.



Sheikh Salman Al Hmoud

Border hammers Notts for unbeaten century

LONDON, Aug. 14. (Reuters) Australian captain Allan Border hit an unbeaten 130 to guide third-placed Essex to 347 for nine against Nottinghamshire in the English County Cricket Championship yesterday.

Border, who leaves to prepare for Australia's tour of Pakistan later this month, hit 17 boundaries in the 322-minute innings on the opening day of the three-day game. It was his sixth century of the season.

Peter Bowler and Bruce Roberts both struck half centuries as Derbyshire made a confident start against leaders Kent.

Put in by Kent on a bouncy pitch, Derbyshire reached 262. Bowler made 53, his ninth half century of the season and Roberts 58. They shared a sixth wicket stand worth 83 in 20 overs.

A stubborn seventh wicket partnership of 77 between Rodney Ontong and Greg Thomas helped Glamorgan out of early trouble to reach 192 for seven against second-placed Worcestershire.

The home side lost six wickets before lunch to the Worcestershire seam attack as Phil New-

port took three for 44 in a 13-over spell.

Scores
At Scarborough: Yorkshire 369 for three (A. Metcalfe 98, D. Byas 98, M. Moxon 81) v Somerset.

At Abergavenny: Glamorgan 192 for seven (G. Thomas 59 not out, R. Ontong 43) v Worcestershire.

At Edgbaston: Warwickshire 117 for six (Asif Din 40) v Leicestershire.

At Hove: Lancashire 337 for six declared in 100 overs (M. Atherton 152 not out, I. Austin 57 not out). Sussex four for one wicket.

At Lord's: Gloucestershire 268 in 106 overs (K. Curran 142, A. Wright 40, J. Embury three for 46, N. Cowans three for 50). Middlesex 11 for one wicket.

At Bourne: Hampshire 293 in 89 overs (V. Terry 82, C. Smith 59, M. Robinson three for 33, N. Cook three for 45). Northamptonshire 27 for no wicket.

At Chesterfield: Derbyshire 262 in 90.4 overs (B. Roberts 58, P. Bowler 53, R. Sharma 43, C. Pean four for 43) v Kent.

At Colchester: Essex 347 for nine (A. Border 130 not out, D. East 43) v Nottinghamshire.

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